



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EARTH OBSERVATION FOR SEA COMPLIANT NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING

LIFE IP 4 Nature in Greece

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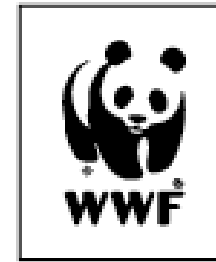
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- ✓ enhance Greece's nature conservation framework
- ✓ ensures the country's compliance with the European Union's nature legislation
- ✓ integrates actions covering all aspects of nature protection: policy, economy, society and science.







Ecosystem type map of Greece outside Natura 2000 SACs

Introduction: Background and Motivation

LULC products:

- proxies for Ecosystem Types
- key input for ES models

EO data:

- spatially continuous, timely and accurate information
- global, continental and regional LULC products

Large scale LULC efforts

limitations:

- diverse input data
- accuracy variability
- coarse update intervals
- coarse thematic resolution
- coarse MMU

Technology:

- ✓ EO imagery:
 - open-access
 - medium-high spatial resolution
 - high temporal resolution
- ✓ Cloud computing platforms
- ✓ ARD

Need for

- timely, on-demand LC datasets
- end-to-end automated workflows

Challenges:

- large multi-temporal, multi-sensor datasets
- plethora of processing algorithms
- reference data

Introduction: Main objectives

- ✓ classification workflow
 - ✓ fine-scale LC product for ES mapping
- EU MAES, EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
 - 21 classes (MAES 3rd level)
 - 10m Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2
 - OBIA
 - use of Copernicus geospatial information for collecting reference data

Additional objectives

- ✓ 2 training data extraction strategies (manual VS automated)
- ✓ 2 temporal compositing strategies (seasonal VS monthly)
- ✓ different features for classification

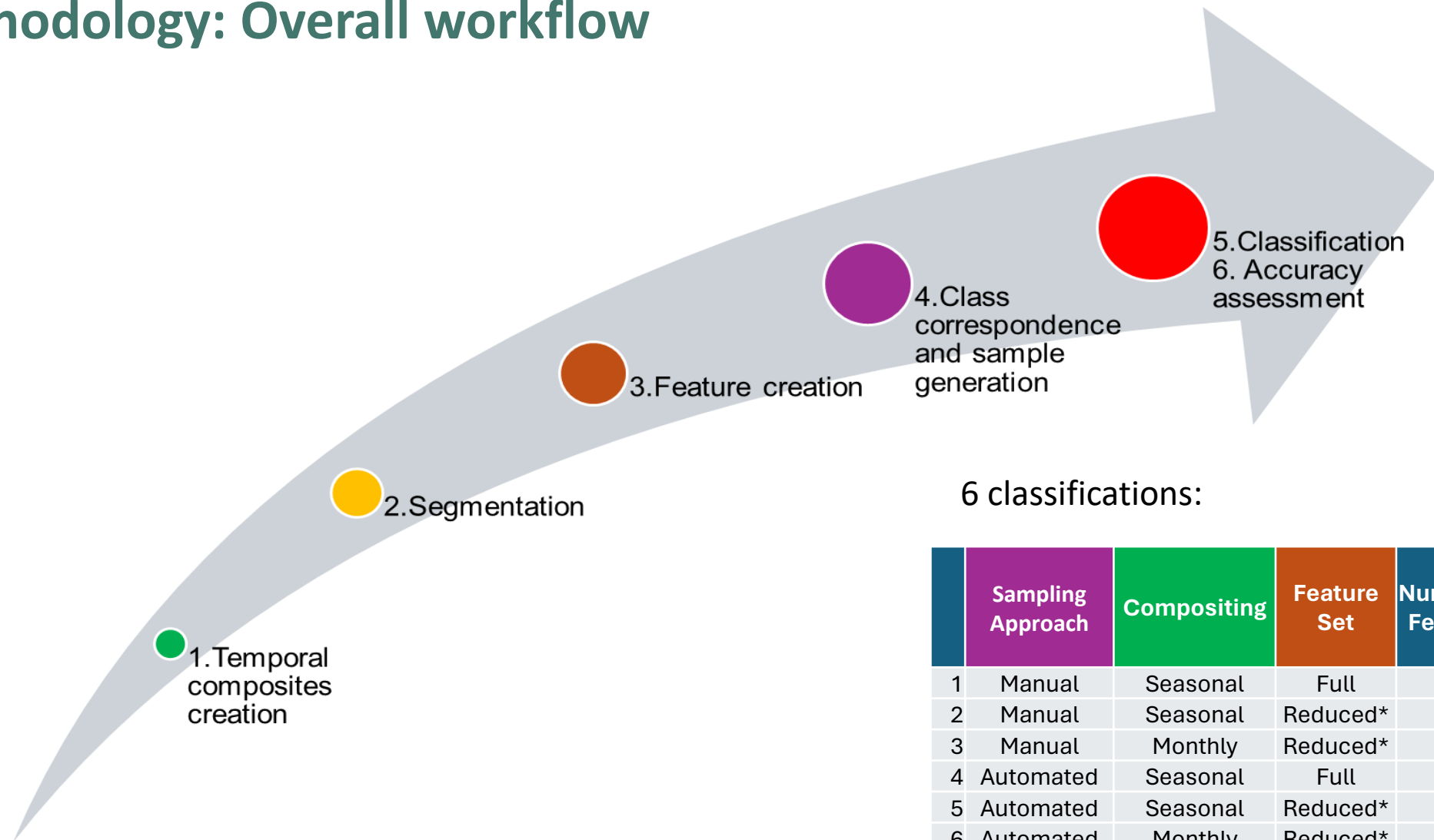
Introduction: Study area - Greece

- ~ 131,957 km²
- ~ 78% mountains
- largest coastline in EU
- highly diverse landscape
- multiple climate classification
- large Ecosystem variety
- forests ~37%

Only CORINE and Ecosystem Type Map of Europe available



Methodology: Overall workflow

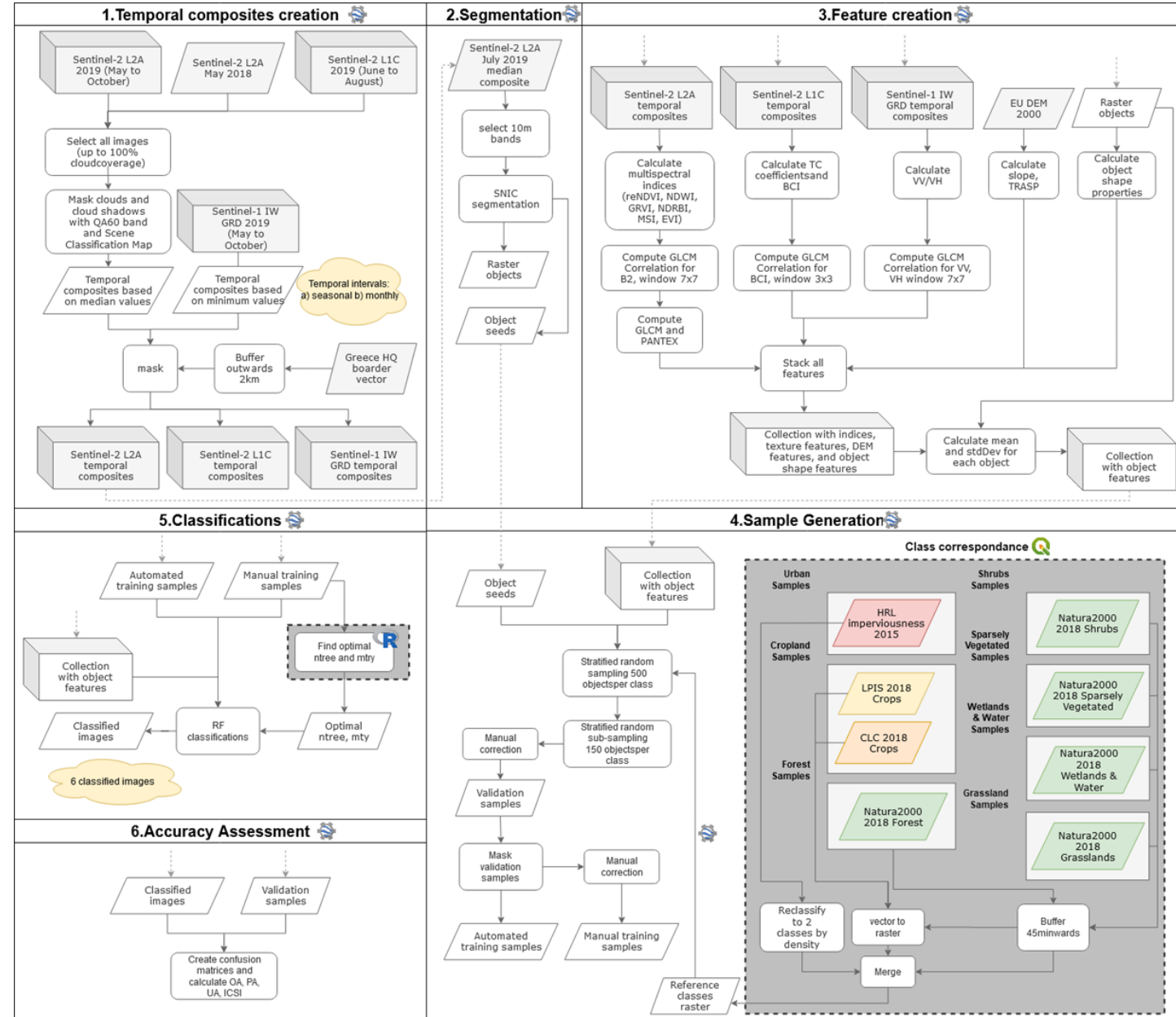


6 classifications:

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1	Manual	Seasonal	Full	144	M-S-F
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*S2 L2A bands excluded

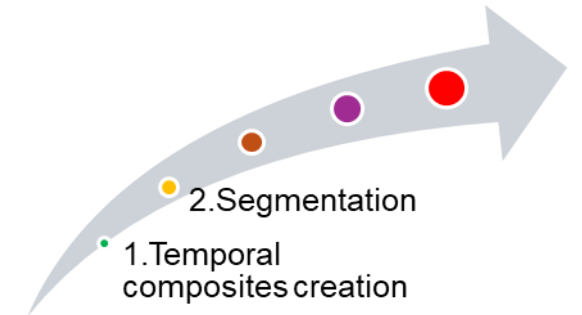
Methodology: Overall workflow



Methodology: Satellite data and preprocessing

- ✓ GEE data catalogue

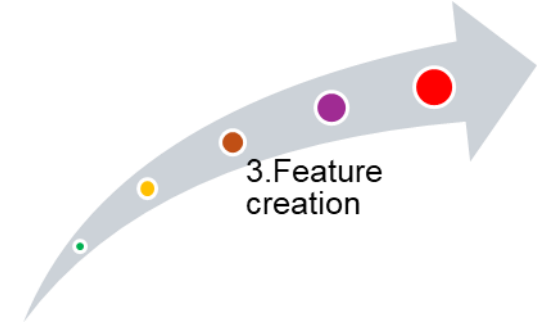
Data	Data range	Clouds, cirrus and shadows
S2 L2A	May - October 2019 + May 2018	sen2cor scene classification map
S2 L1C	June - August 2019	QA60 band & solar azimuth and zenith
S1 GRD σ_0 ascending and descending	May - October 2019	-



● Composite method:
median

- Segmentation: Simple Non-Iterative Clustering (SNIC) on 10 m S2 L2A July composite (bands B2, B3, B4, B8)

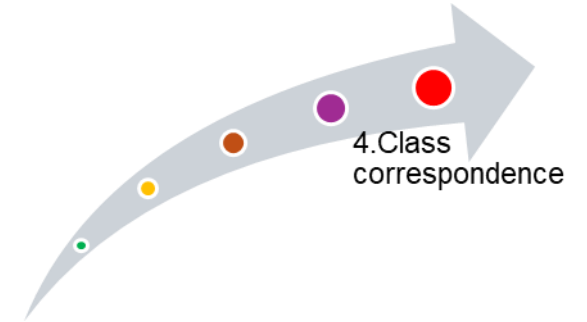
Methodology: Feature extraction



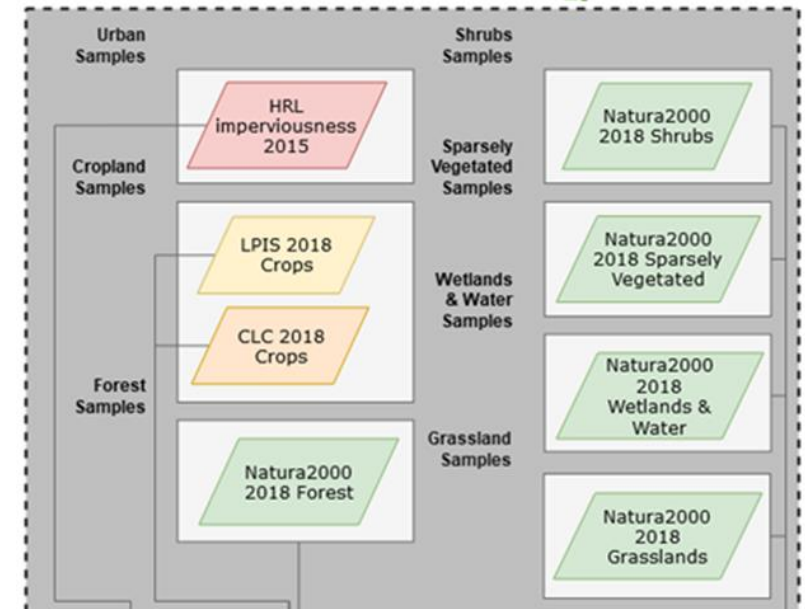
Feature Name	Statistic per Object	Brief Index Formula	Data Source
<i>Original Bands</i>			
-B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B8A, B11, B12	Mean, stdDev	-	S2 L2A
-VV, VH	Mean, stdDev	-	S1 IW GRD
<i>Spectral indices</i>			
-reNDVI	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{B8 - B5}{B8 + B5}$	S2 L2A
-NDWI	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{B3 - B8}{B3 + B8}$	S2 L2A
-GRVI	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{B3 - B4}{B3 + B4}$	S2 L2A
-NDRBI	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{B4 - B2}{B4 + B2}$	S2 L2A
-MSI	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{B11}{B8}$	S2 L2A
-EVI	Mean, stdDev	$2.5 \frac{B8 - B4}{B8 + 6B4 - 7.5B2 + 1}$	S2 L2A
-TC Brightness	Mean, stdDev		S2 L1C
-TC Greenness	Mean, stdDev		S2 L1C
-TC Wetness	Mean, stdDev		S2 L1C
-BCI	Mean, stdDev		S2 L1C
-VV/VH ratio	Mean, stdDev	$\frac{VV}{VH}$	S1 IW GRD
<i>Texture indices</i>			
-B2 7 x 7 GLCM Correlation	Mean		S2 L2A
-PANTEX	Mean		S2 L2A
-BCI 3 x 3 GLCM Correlation	Mean		S2 L1C
-VV 7 x 7 GLCM Correlation	Mean		S1 IW GRD
VH 7 x 7 GLCM Correlation	Mean		S1 IW GRD

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<i>Object shape properties</i>			
-Perimeter, -Area			
-Form factor		$\frac{4\pi A}{P}$	
-Square pixel metric		$1 - \frac{4\sqrt{A}}{P}$	
-Fractal dimension		$2 \frac{\ln(\frac{P}{4})}{\ln A}$	
-Shape index		$\frac{P}{4\sqrt{A}}$	
<i>Ancillary data</i>			
-Elevation, -Slope, -TRASP	Mean		EU-DEM

Methodology: Classification scheme

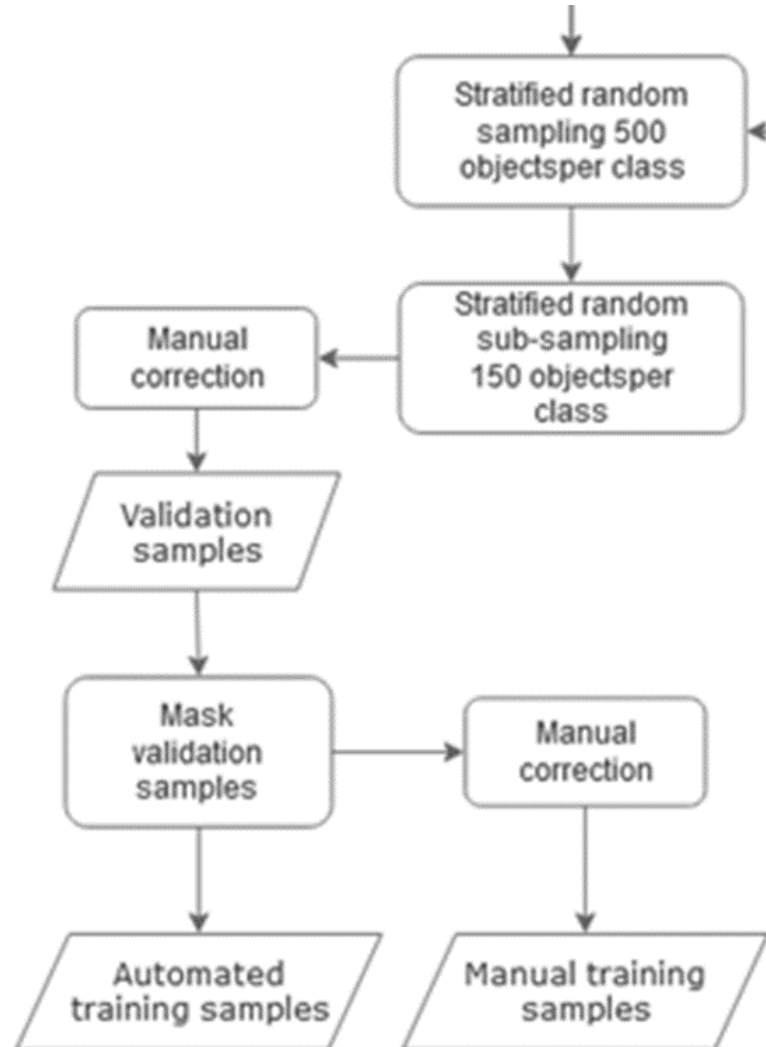
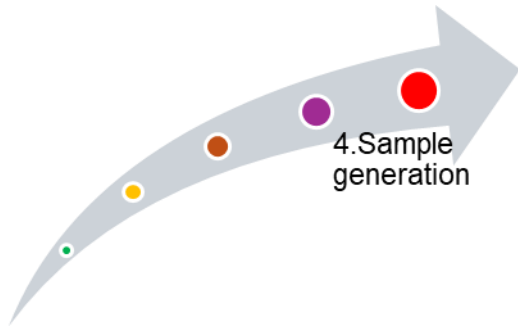


MAES Ecosystem Category (Level 1)	MAES Ecosystem Category (Level 2)	Ecosystem Types for Mapping and Assessment in Greece (Level 3)	Code	Data Source	Data Source Classes
Terrestrial	Urban	Dense to medium dense Urban Fabric (I.M.D. 30–100%)	1.1.1	HRL	=> 30%
		Low density Urban Fabric (I.M.D. 0–30%)	1.1.2	HRL	<30%
	Cropland	Arable land	2.1.1	LPIS, CLC	LPIS: 40, CLC: 2.1
		Permanent crops	2.2.1	LPIS, CLC	LPIS: 50, 60, 70, CLC: 2.2
	Woodland and forest	Temperate deciduous forests	3.1.1	N2K	9110, 9130, 9140, 9150, 9180, G91K, G91L
		Mediterranean deciduous forests	3.1.2	N2K	91M0, 9280, 9250, 9310, 9350, 9260, 925A
		Floodplain forests (Riparian forest/Fluvial forest)	3.2.1	N2K	92A0, 92C0, 92D0, 91E0, 91F0
		Temperate mountainous coniferous forests	3.3.1	N2K	9530, 951B, 91BA, 91CA, 95A0, 9410
		Mediterranean coniferous forests	3.3.2	N2K	2270, 9540, 9560, 9290
		Mediterranean sclerophyllous forests	3.4.1	N2K	9340, 934A, 9320, 9370
		Mixed Forest	3.5.1	N2K	9270
	Grassland	Grasslands	4.1.1	N2K	6110, 6170, 6220, 6230, G628, 6290, 62A0, 62D0, 6420, 6430, G645, 6510, 651A, 1070
	Heathland and shrub	Moors and heathland	5.1.1	N2K	4060, 4090, 5360, 5420, 5430
		Sclerophyllous vegetation	5.2.1	N2K	2250, 5110, 5150, 5160, 5210, 5230, 5310, 5330, 5340, 5350
	Sparsely vegetated	Sparsely vegetated areas	6.1.1	N2K	8130, 8140, 8210, 8220, 8230, 8310, 8320, 8330, 2240, 2260, 9620, 8250
		Beaches, dunes, sands	6.2.1	N2K	1210, 1240, 1410, 2110, 2120, 2220, 2230, 2210, 21B0
		Bare rocks, burnt areas, mines, dump, land without current use	6.3.1	N2K	1030
	Wetlands	Inland freshwater and saline marshes	7.1.1	N2K	72A0, 72B0, 2190, 1310, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1510, 1440
		Peat bogs	7.2.1	N2K	7140, 7210, 7220, 7230
	Marine	Marine	Marine	7.3.1	N2K
Freshwater	Rivers and lakes	Rivers and lakes	8.1.1	N2K	3130, 3140, 3150, 3170, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3280, 3290, 3190



It was challenging to harmonize the ecologically- interpreted classes with the LULC classification schemes of different reference data sets.

Methodology: Reference data



manual sampling approach
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manually correcting automated samples

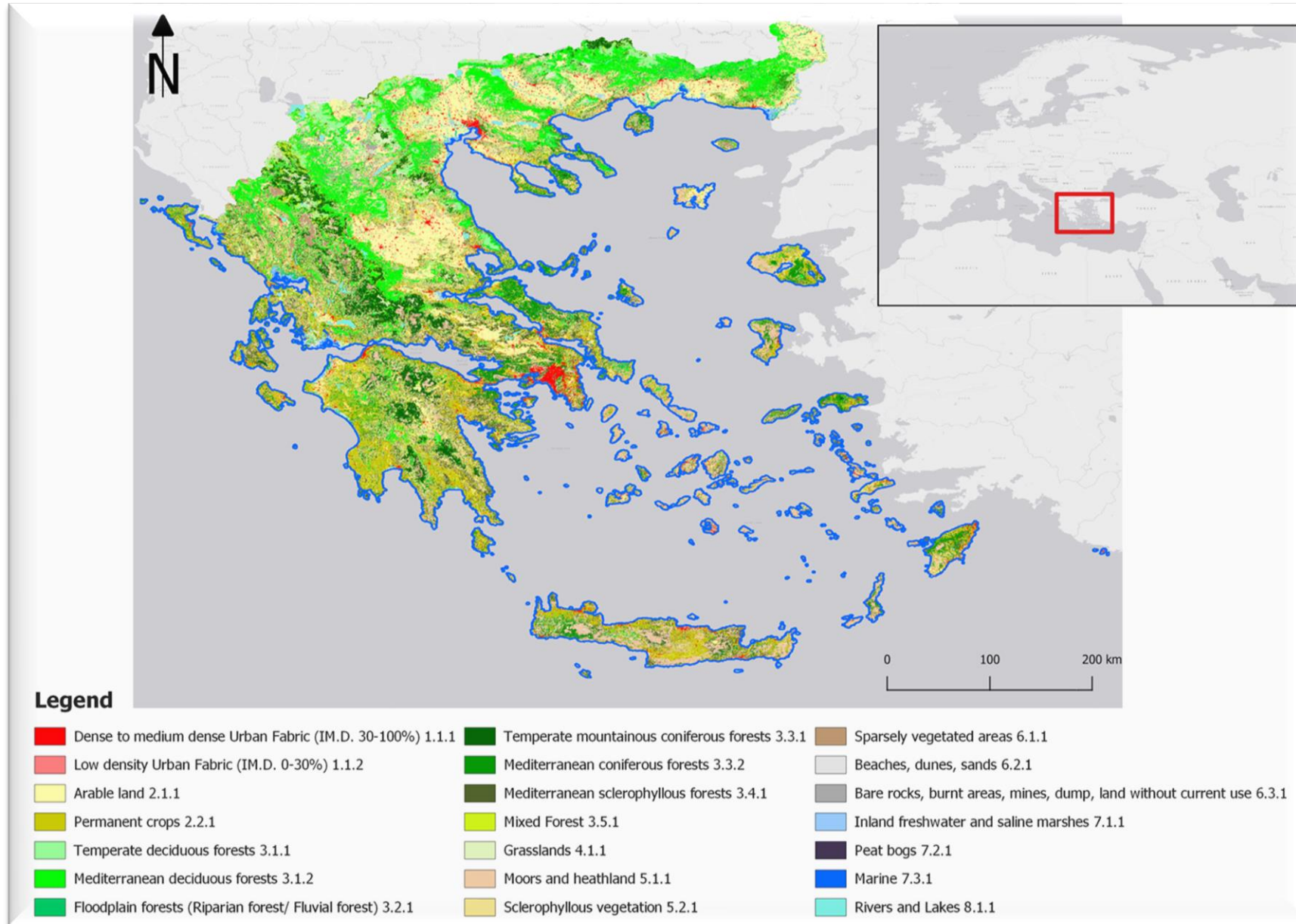
Methodology: Classification and accuracy assessment



- Random Forests
- confusion matrix & derived standard accuracy measures
 - OA
 - PA
 - UA
 - Individual Classification Success Index (ICSI)

$$ICSI = UA\%_i + PA\%_i - 100$$

Results



Results - Accuracy

Class	M-S-F			M-S-R			M-M-R			A-S-F			A-S-R			A-M-R		
	PA	UA	ICSI	PA	UA	ICSI	PA	UA	ICSI	PA	UA	ICSI	PA	UA	ICSI	PA	UA	ICSI
1.1.1	84	83	67	82	84	66	82	85	67	96	60	56	96	59	55	96	59	55
1.1.2	93	80	73	93	81	74	93	83	76	45	92	37	43	92	35	43	92	35
2.1.1	90	87	77	89	86	75	91	88	79	91	79	70	91	78	69	93	80	73
2.2.1	80	81	61	84	85	69	84	86	70	83	74	57	84	73	57	86	78	64
3.1.1	85	82	67	86	81	67	91	84	75	89	74	63	87	74	61	90	81	71
3.1.2	77	79	56	75	79	54	79	78	57	80	66	46	79	66	45	80	65	45
3.2.1	68	64	32	72	60	32	74	81	55	65	73	38	68	73	41	67	75	42
3.3.1	82	77	59	84	77	61	83	76	59	81	85	66	79	82	61	79	83	62
3.3.2	81	74	55	84	79	63	84	79	63	85	74	59	85	78	63	83	79	62
3.4.1	37	62	-1	43	67	10	48	68	16	55	63	18	57	61	18	57	60	17
3.5.1	58	78	36	63	80	43	60	78	38	58	72	30	57	71	28	69	76	45
4.1.1	75	75	50	76	76	52	77	75	52	78	75	53	78	76	54	79	75	54
5.1.1	48	61	9	49	63	12	51	62	13	52	51	3	55	52	7	55	56	11
5.2.1	46	39	-15	49	44	-7	46	44	-10	48	55	3	48	54	2	49	53	2
6.1.1	87	72	59	88	73	61	90	75	65	84	78	62	83	78	61	86	78	64
6.2.1	62	76	38	69	75	44	71	77	48	69	65	34	70	63	33	70	62	32
6.3.1	90	83	73	91	84	75	88	82	70	38	92	30	36	97	33	35	96	31
7.1.1	81	76	57	78	76	54	89	82	71	87	85	72	86	85	71	88	86	74
7.2.1	81	100	81	78	100	78	81	100	81	66	100	66	66	100	66	63	100	63
7.3.1	98	99	97	97	99	96	97	99	96	98	100	98	99	100	99	97	100	97
8.1.1	93	98	91	95	98	93	95	98	93	97	98	95	95	99	94	96	99	95
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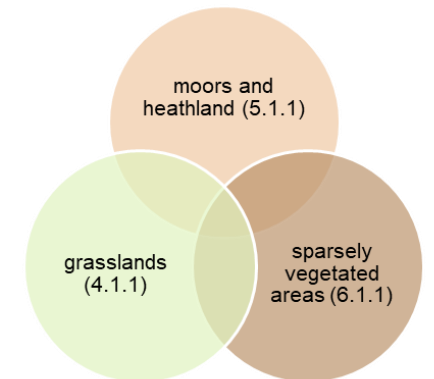
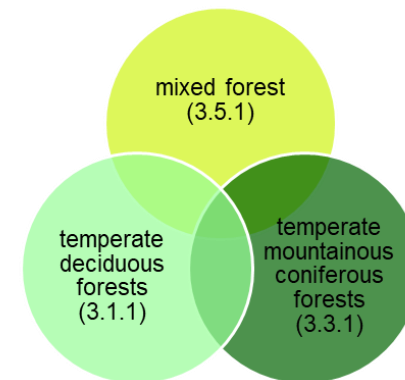
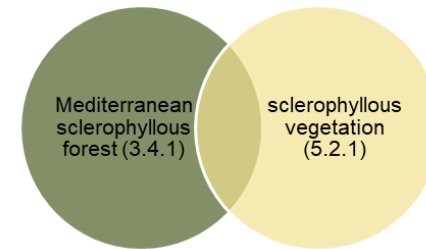
- monthly instead of seasonal improved 13 classes
- low accuracies for 5.x.x and 3.4.1 in all classifications

Results - Confusion matrix

✓ Confusion matrix for best performing classification (M-M-R)

		Classification																				
		1.1.1	1.1.2	2.1.1	2.2.1	3.1.1	3.1.2	3.2.1	3.3.1	3.3.2	3.4.1	3.5.1	4.1.1	5.1.1	5.2.1	6.1.1	6.2.1	6.3.1	7.1.1	7.2.1	7.3.1	8.1.1
Reference	1.1.1	82	10		1												1	6				
	1.1.2	5	93				1	1									1					
	2.1.1	1	1	91	1		1	1					1				2	1	1			
	2.2.1		1	3	84		1	2		2	3				3							
	3.1.1					91	5		1	1	1					1						
	3.1.2					1	7	79	2	1		3	3	1	1	3						
	3.2.1	2	2	3	1		1	74							2		2			13		
	3.3.1		1						83	5	1	6	1		3							
	3.3.2			1	1		1		3	84	2			1	5	2						
	3.4.1		1	1	4		1	2	4	7	48				6	27			1			
	3.5.1					14			21			60	1		4							
	4.1.1			1	1		3						77	6	2	10	1					
	5.1.1		1	3	1	1	1			1	1		14	51	4	14			8			
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8.1.1						1											5				95	

✓ in all classifications, confusion between:



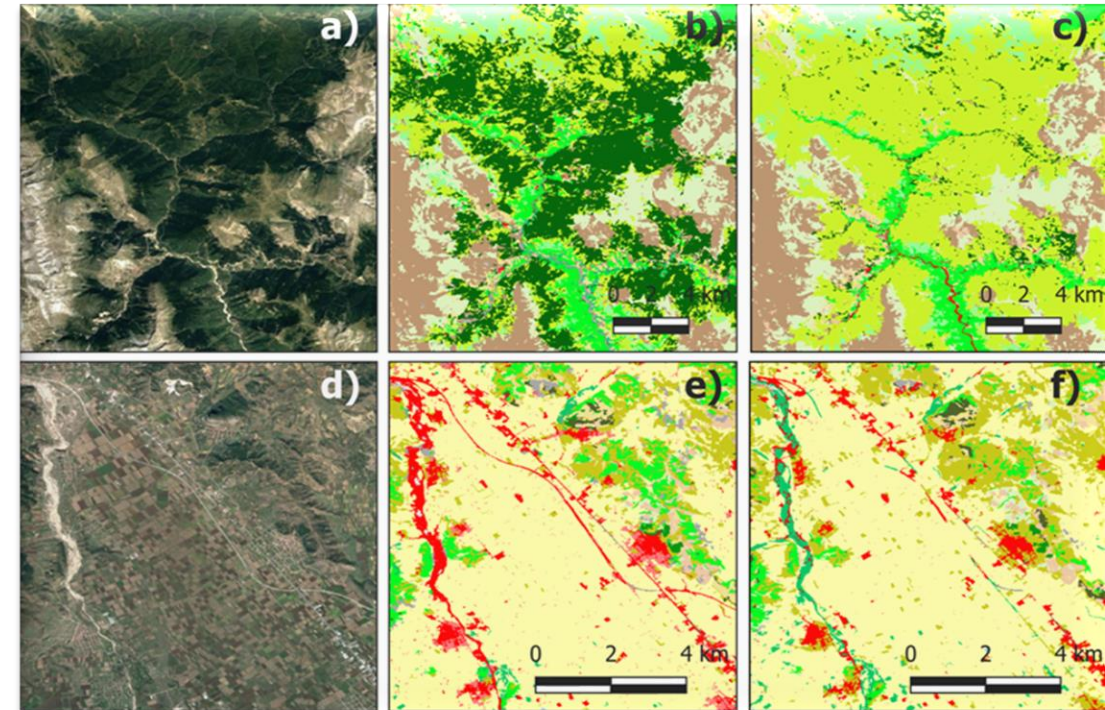
Results - Visual assessment

- ✓ Confusion matrix for best performing classification (M-M-R)

- minor differences between different feature sets
- considerable differences between different sampling techniques

automated sampling:

overestimation of mixed forests (5.3.1) and Mediterranean coniferous forests (3.3.2), underestimation of low density urban fabric (1.1.2)

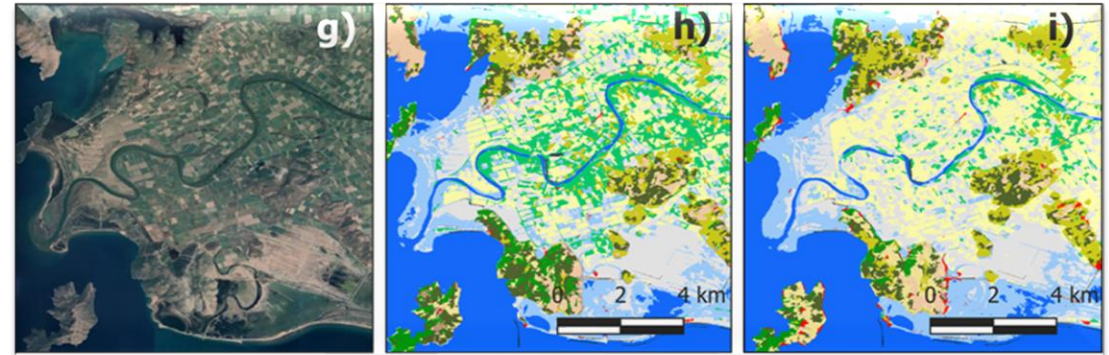


Legend

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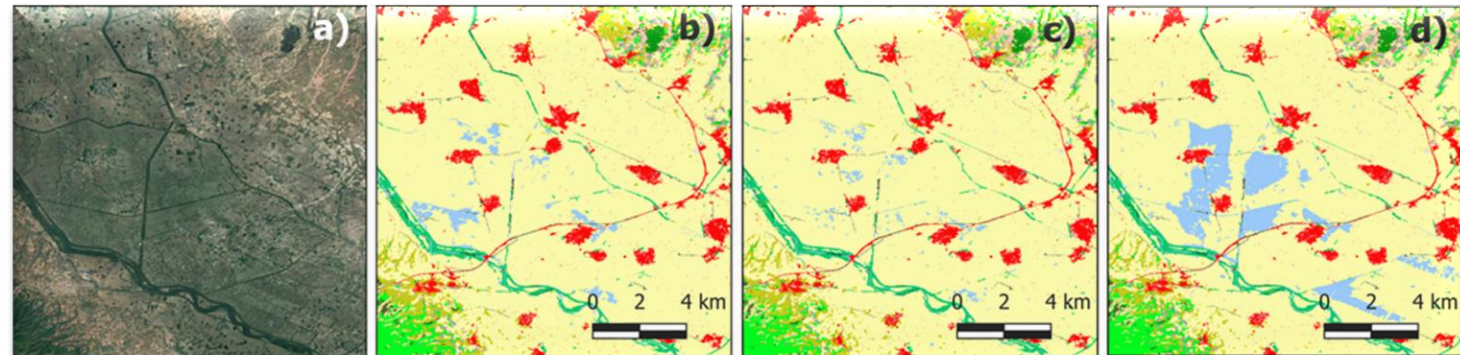
manual sampling:
arable land (2.1.1) was frequently classified
as floodplain forests (3.2.1)



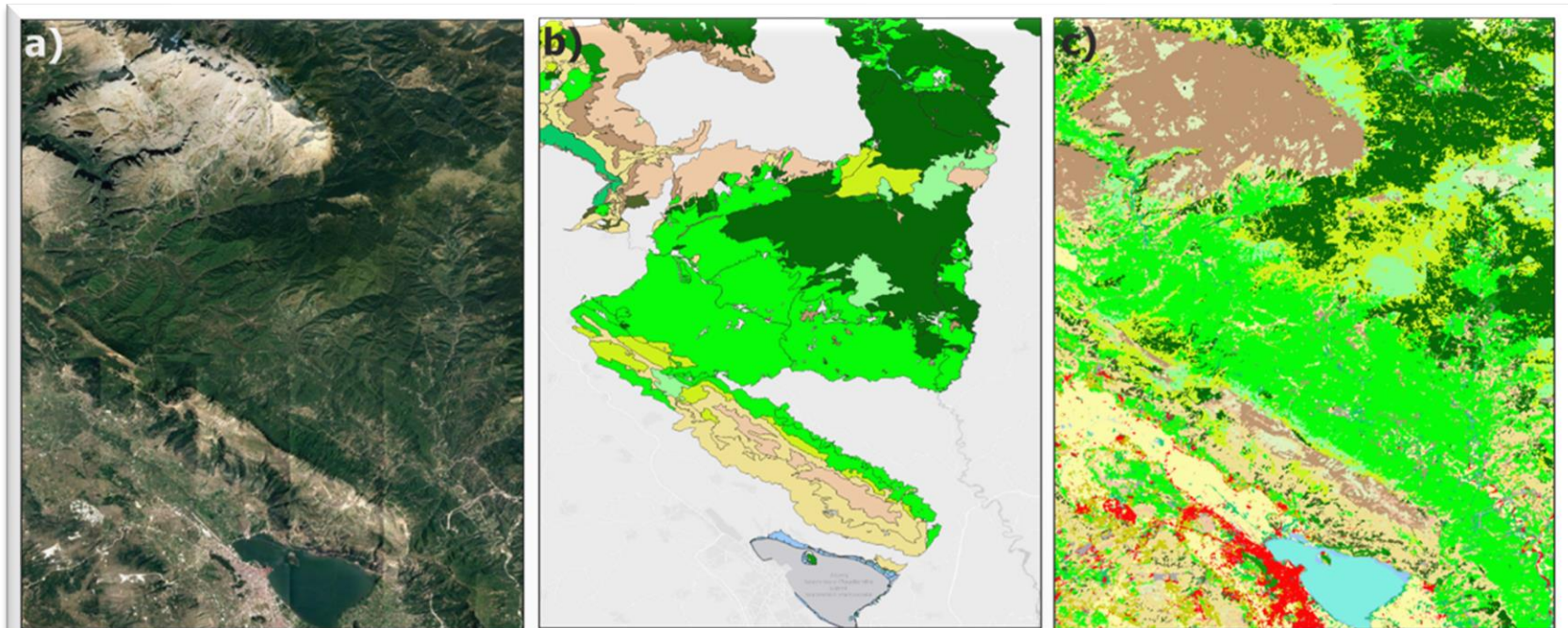
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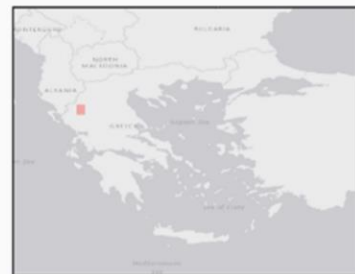
monthly features instead of seasonal
created errors in high-moisture agriculture
areas



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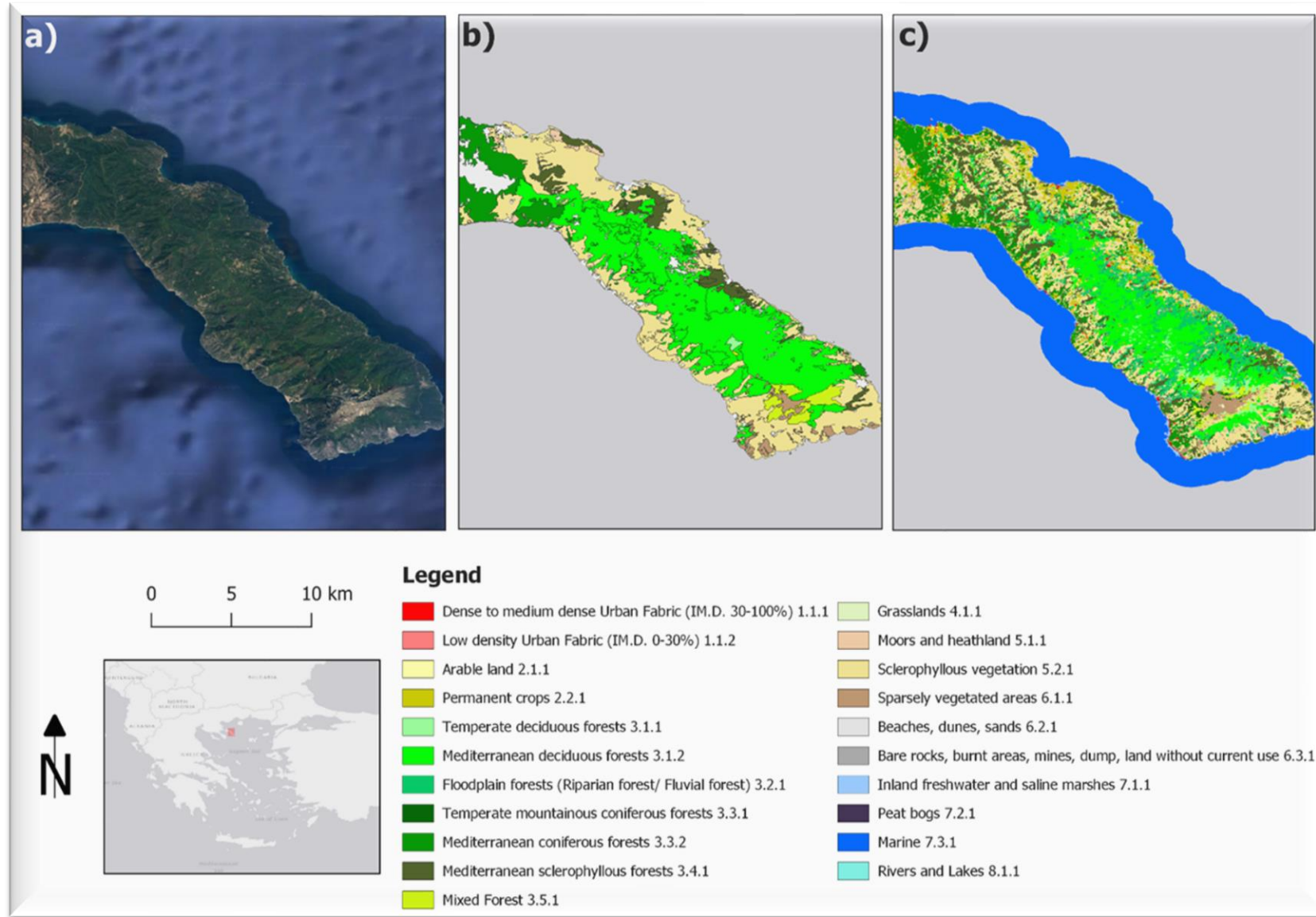
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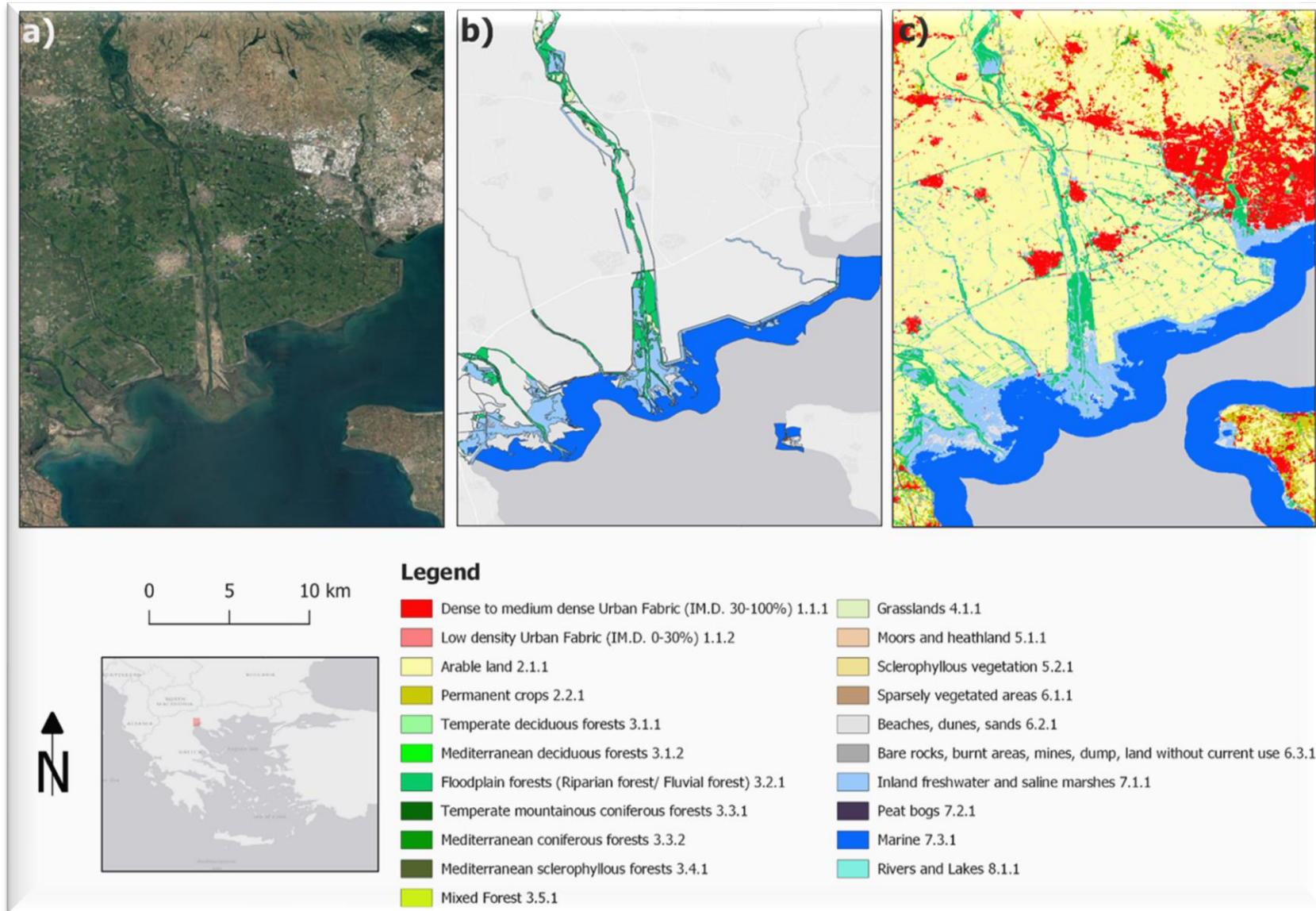
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| ■ Temperate deciduous forests 3.1.1 | ■ Beaches, dunes, sands 6.2.1 |
| ■ Mediterranean deciduous forests 3.1.2 | ■ Bare rocks, burnt areas, mines, dump, land without current use 6.3.1 |
| ■ Floodplain forests (Riparian forest/ Fluvial forest) 3.2.1 | ■ Inland freshwater and saline marshes 7.1.1 |
| ■ Temperate mountainous coniferous forests 3.3.1 | ■ Peat bogs 7.2.1 |
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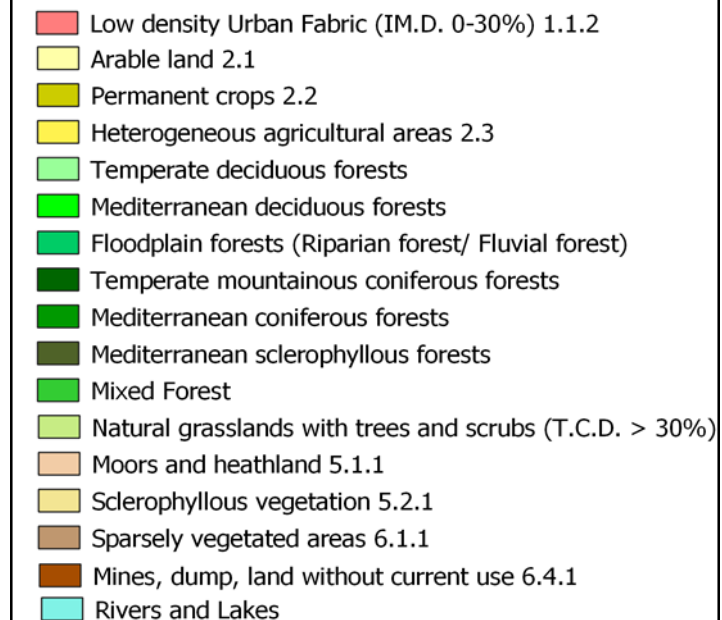
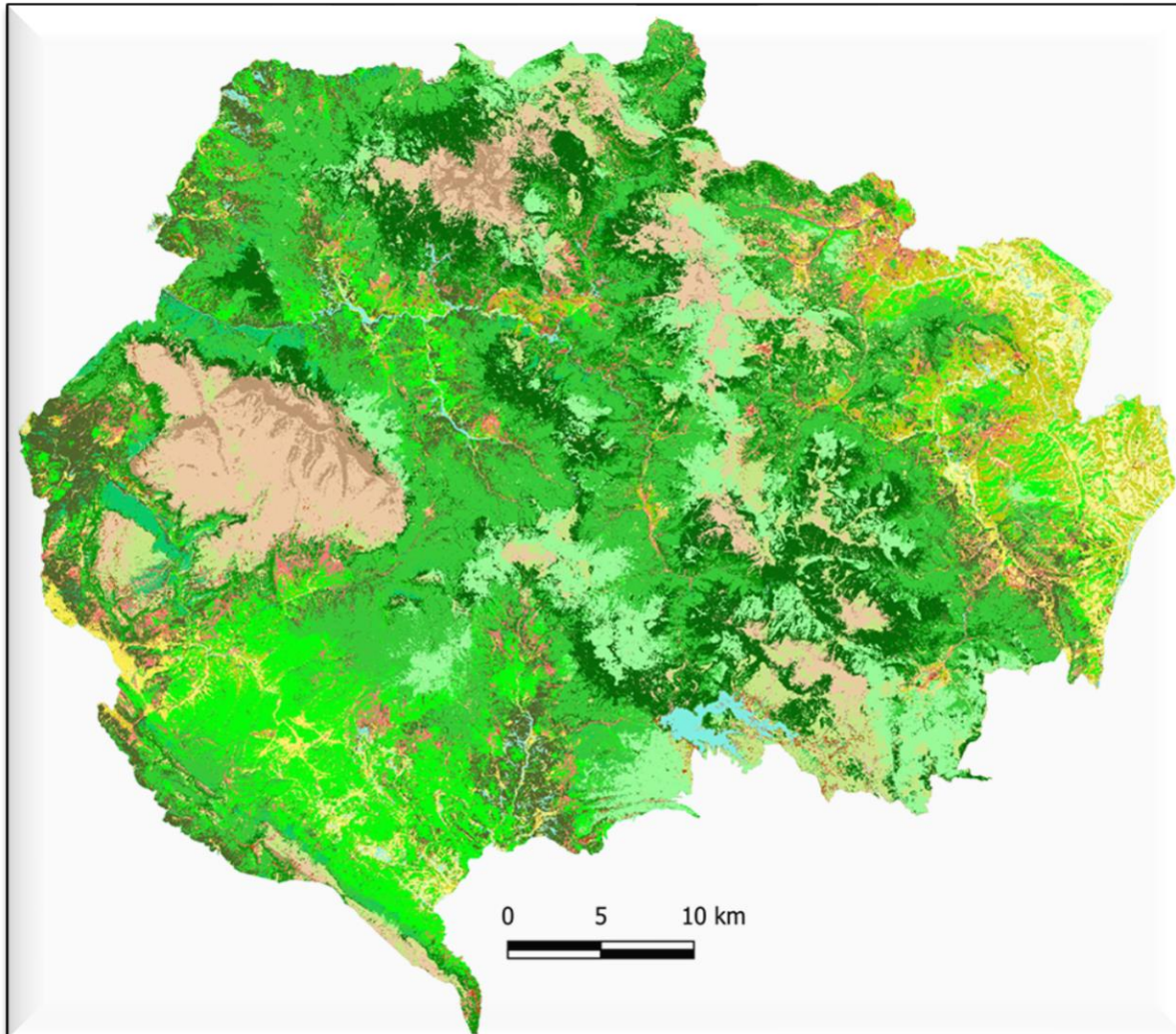
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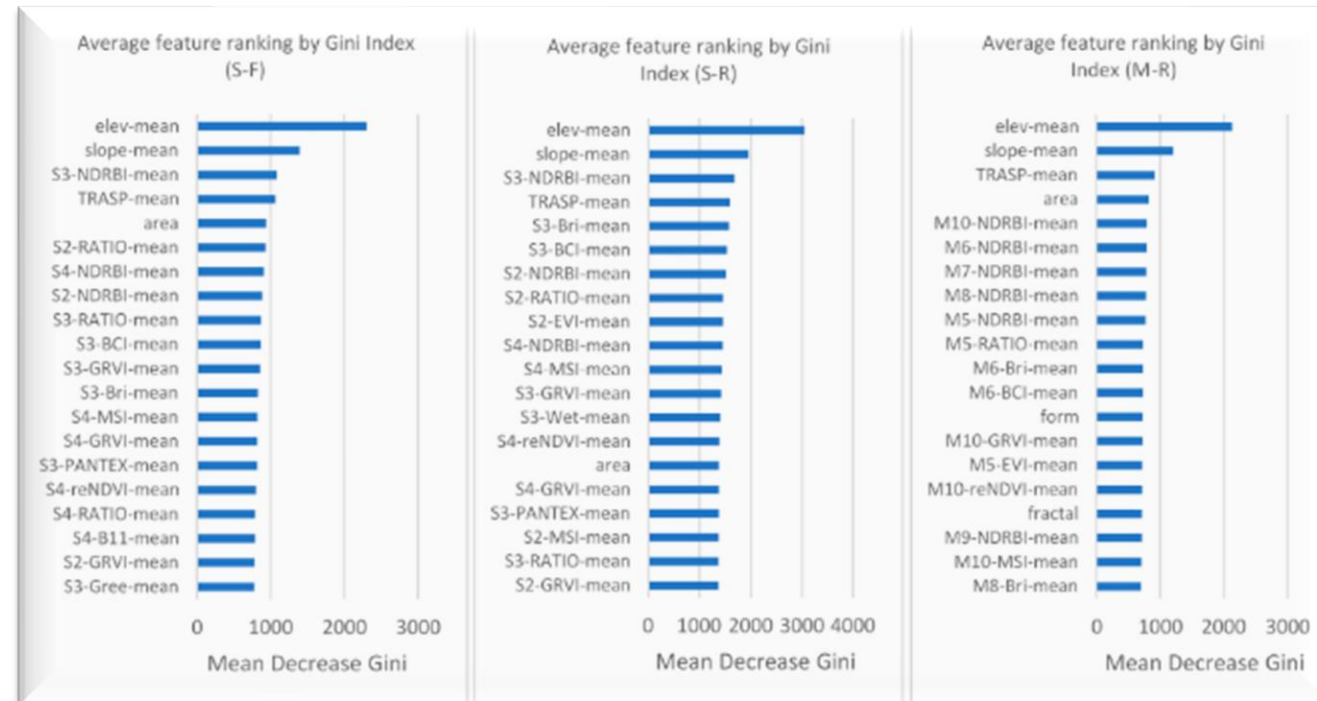
Results - Visual assessment



Results - Variable importance

✓ Most important variables

- ❖ topographic features → elevation, slope, TRASP
- ❖ object properties → area, form factor, fractal
- ❖ SAR VV/VH ratio
- ❖ only SWIR (B11) S2 spectral bands



Discussion

First national scale LC mapping

- ✓ complex classification scheme
- ✓ ecological-relevant classes

OBIA:

- ✓ accounts for geolocation offset
- ✓ accounts for cloud masking errors
- ✓ exploitation of object properties

RF:

- ✓ ability to handle highly correlated multidimensional data

Lower accuracies in classes covering different ecosystem types but similar spectral responses → ecological modeling needed

Contribution

- end-to-end automated workflow, for annual LC mapping in Greece
- ecosystem condition and ES mapping and assessment
- roadmap for the further development

Key findings

- EO data alone are not adequate for predicting and mapping the complex Mediterranean landscape
- automated sampling not so efficient in complex and ecological-relevant classification schemes

Published paper & code

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https://github.com/n-verde/LIFE-IP_4_NATURA



remote sensing



Article

National Scale Land Cover Classification for Ecosystem Services Mapping and Assessment, Using Multitemporal Copernicus EO Data and Google Earth Engine

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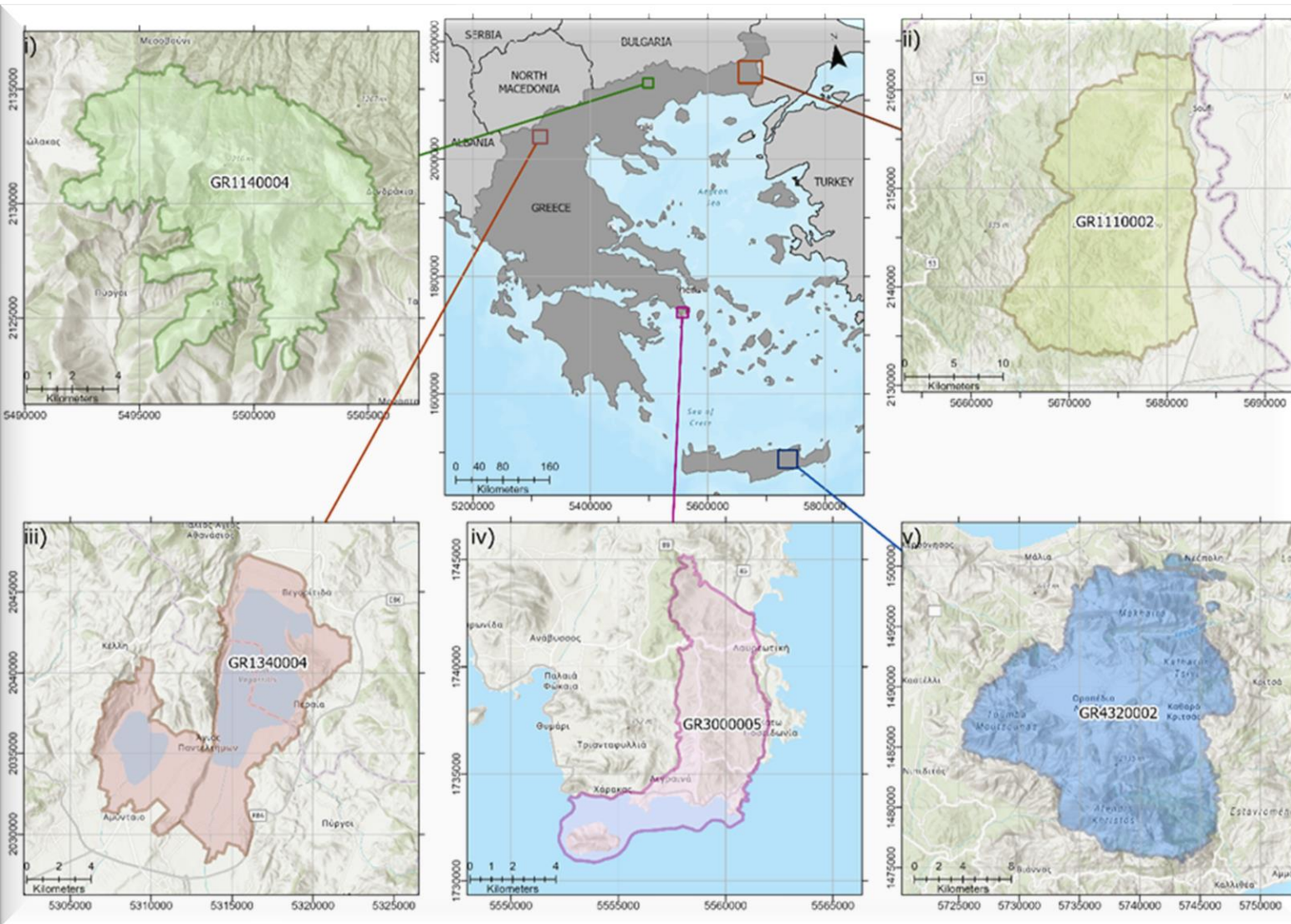
Abstract: Land-Use/Land-Cover (LULC) products are a common source of information and a key input for spatially explicit models of ecosystem service (ES) supply and demand. Global, continental, and regional, readily available, and free land-cover products generated through Earth Observation (EO) data, can be potentially used as relevant to ES mapping and assessment processes from regional to national scales. However, several limitations exist in these products, highlighting the need for timely land-cover extraction on demand, that could replace or complement existing products. This study focuses on the development of a classification workflow for fine-scale, object-based land cover mapping, employed on terrestrial ES mapping, within the Greek terrestrial territory. The processing was implemented in the Google Earth Engine cloud computing environment using 10 m spatial resolution Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 data. Furthermore, the relevance of different training data extraction strategies and temporal EO information for increasing the classification accuracy was also evaluated. The different classification schemes demonstrated differences in overall accuracy ranging from 0.88% to 4.94% with the most accurate classification scheme being the manual sampling/monthly feature classification achieving a 79.55% overall accuracy. The classification results suggest that existing LULC data must be cautiously considered for automated extraction of training samples, in the case of new supervised land cover classifications aiming also to discern complex vegetation classes. The code used in this study is available on GitHub and runs on the Google Earth Engine web platform.

Keywords: remote sensing; seasonal; Random Forests; OBIA; machine learning; big data; multispectral; radar; GEE; object



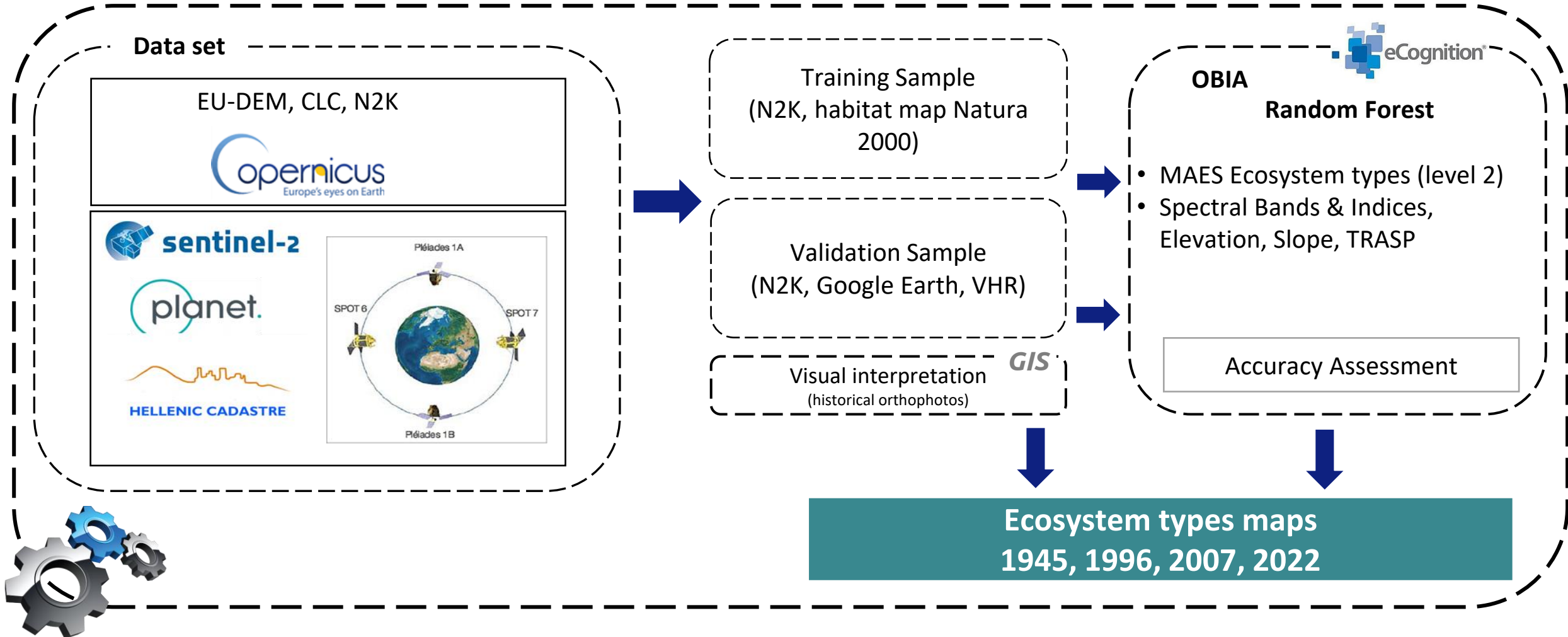
**Ecosystem type
maps at local
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Pilot areas



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- ✓ GR1110002 Dasos Dadias – Soufli
- ✓ GR1340004 Limnes Vegoritida – Petron
- ✓ GR 4320002 Dikti
- ✓ GR 3000005 Sounio

Workflow



Data inputs

Geospatial data

- ✓ European Digital Elevation Model, EU-DEM
- ✓ CORINE Land Cover (CLC)
- ✓ Natura 2000 (N2K)
- ✓ Habitat map of Natura 2000 terrestrial areas (National Cadastre and Mapping Agency) (1:5000)

Satellite data

✓ Sentinel 2 L2A	August 2022	10m
✓ PlanetScope	August 2022	3m

Historical orthophotos

✓ Orthophotos	1945	1m
✓ Orthophotos	1996-1998	1m
✓ Large Scale Orthophotos	2007	0,5m



Classification Scheme

- ✓ 11 classes based on MAES-Level 2 ecosystem types

Urban

Cropland

Grassland

Sparsely vegetated land

Woodland and Forest

Heathland and shrub

Wetlands

Rivers and lakes

Mines

Burned areas

Burned areas Moderate severity

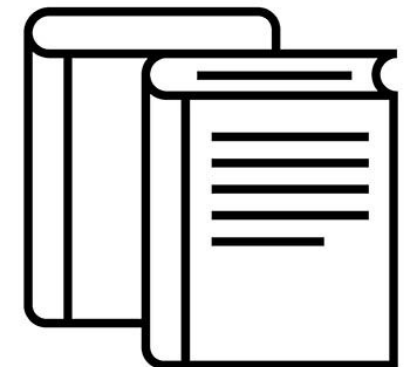
Reference Data

Training Sample

- ✓ Natura 2000 (N2K)
- ✓ Habitat map of Natura 2000 by the National Cadastre and Mapping Agency (1:5000)

Validation Sample

- ✓ Google Earth
- ✓ VHR IMAGE 2018



Feature Extraction

Spectral Bands

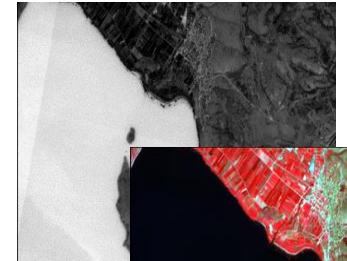
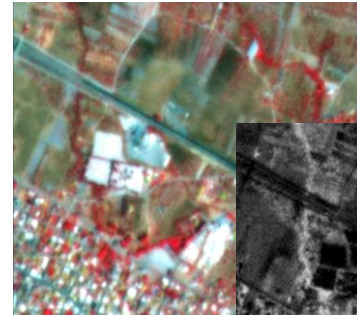
- ✓ Blue
- ✓ Green
- ✓ Red
- ✓ Near Infrared - NIR

Spectral indexes

- ✓ NDVI
- ✓ NDWI
- ✓ NDSI

Topography

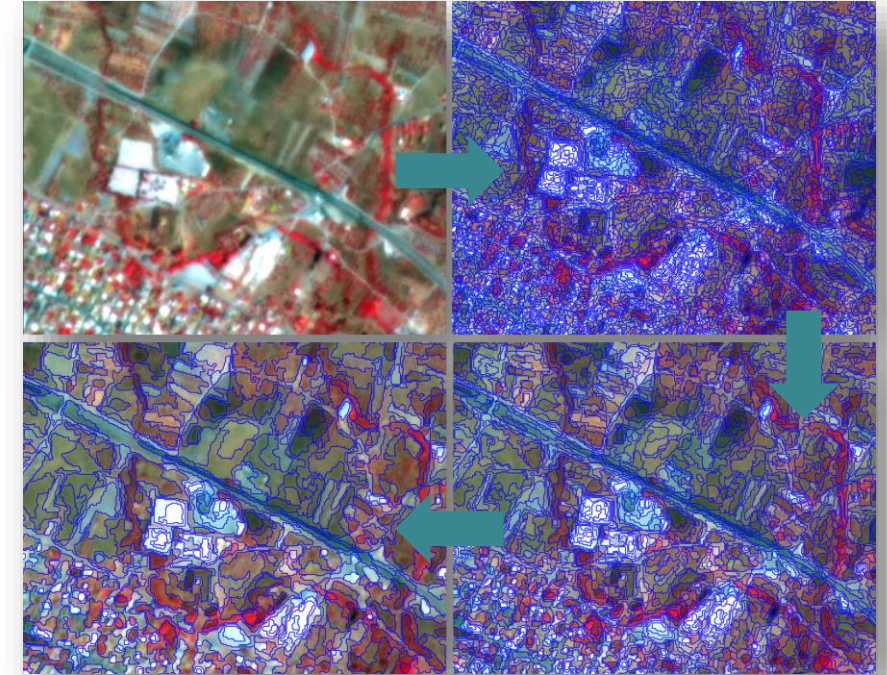
- ✓ Elevation
- ✓ Slope
- ✓ TRASP



Classification

- ✓ Object Based Image Analysis-OBIA

Segmentation level	Scale parameter	Shape criterion	Compactness criterion	Image Layer weights
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2	40	0,1	0,5	1,1,1,1
3	80	0,1	0,5	1,1,1,1

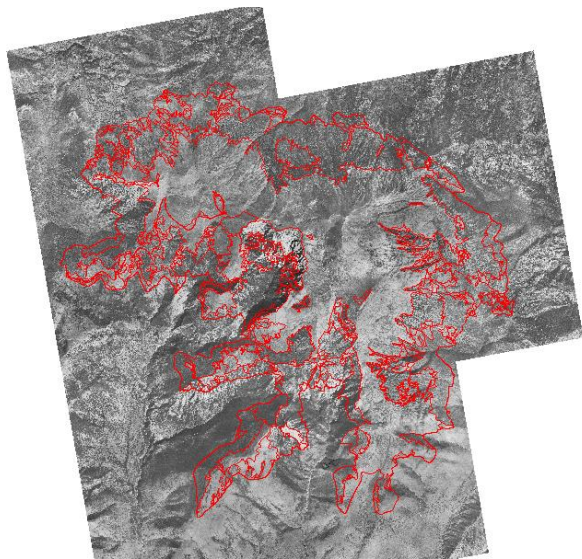


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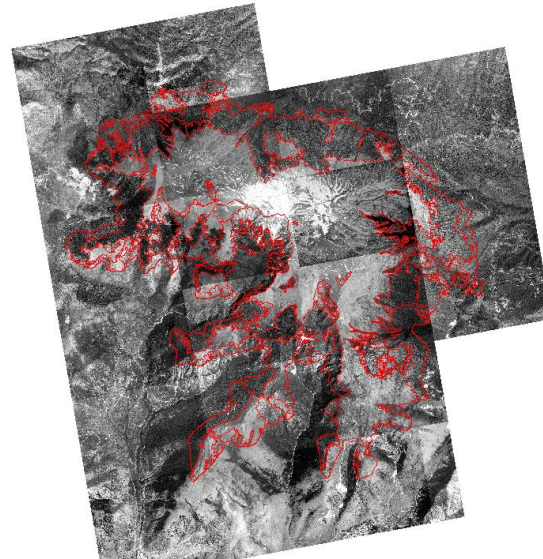


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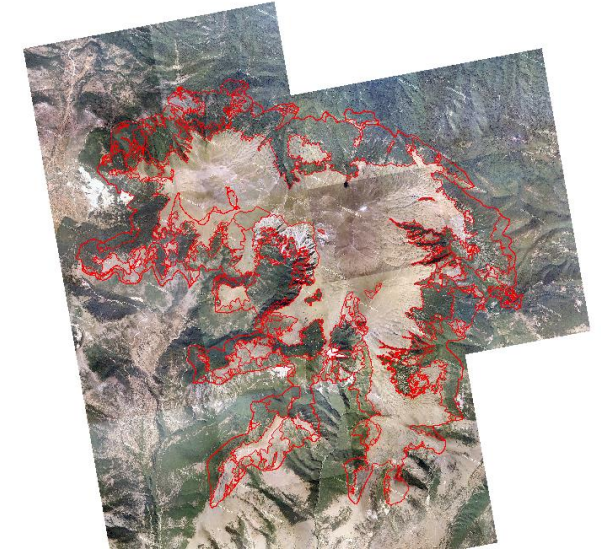
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- ✓ Air imagery 2007: Manual interpretation on screen digitising



1945



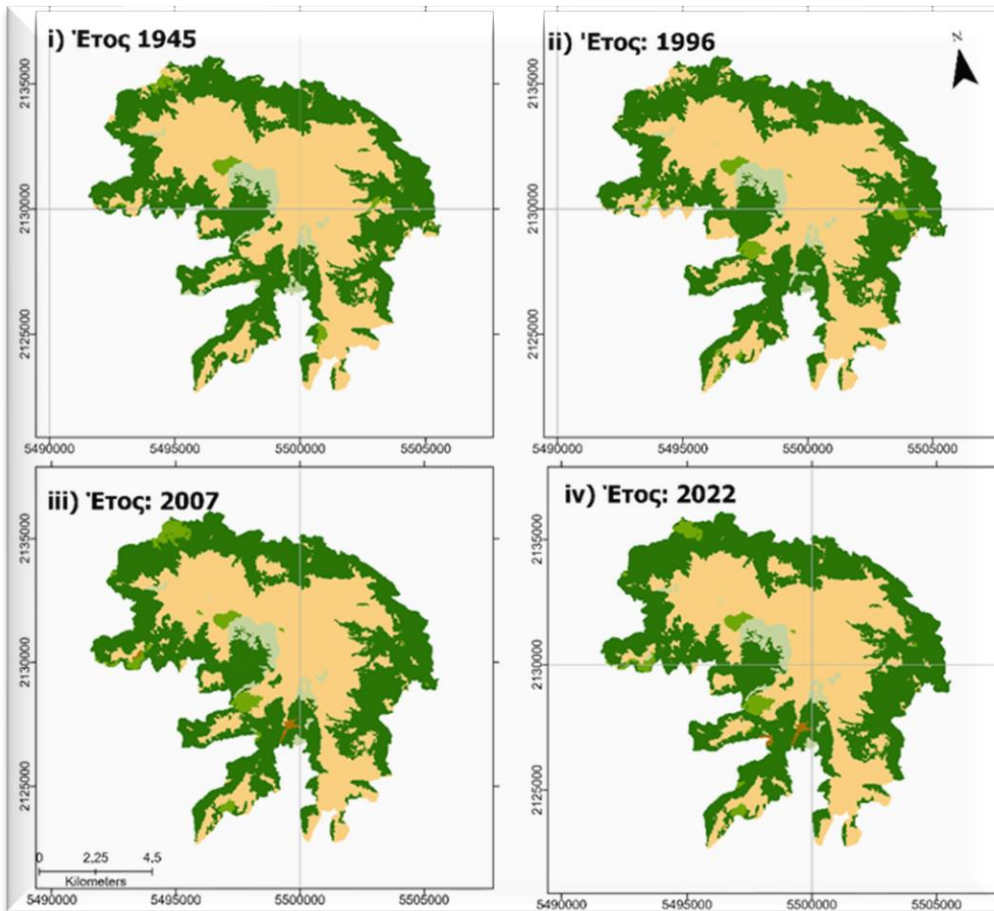
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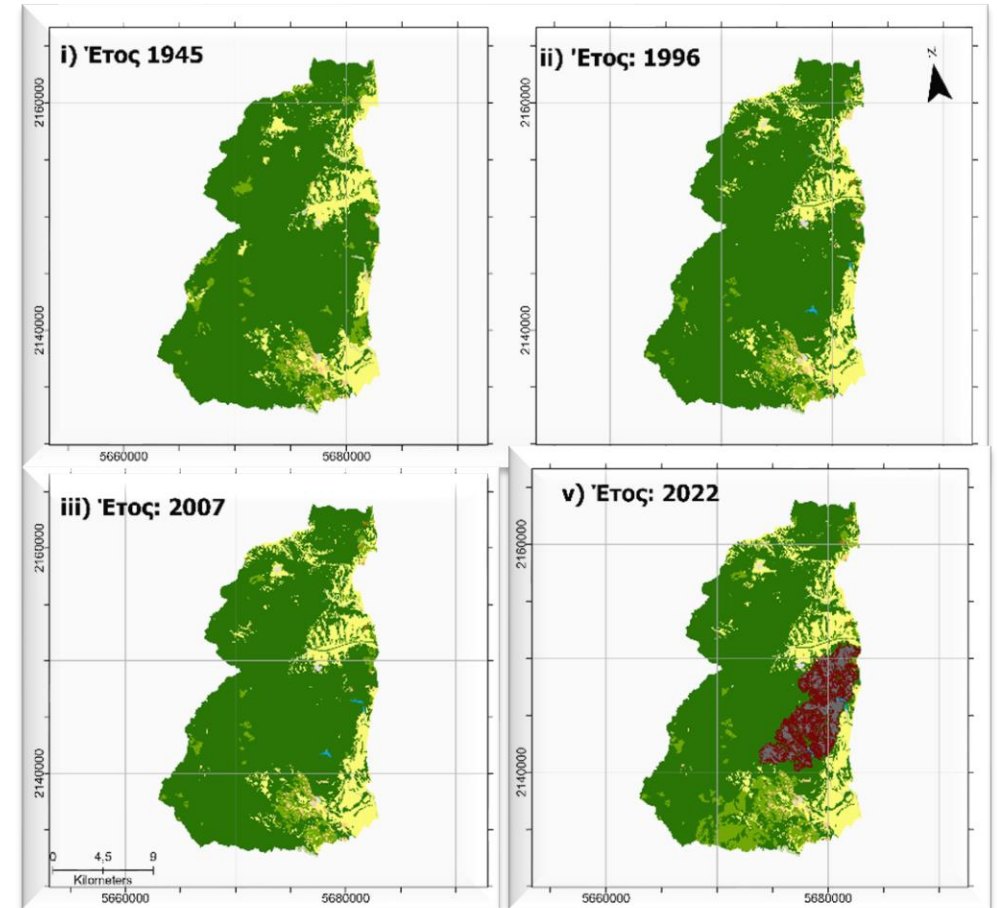
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Ecosystem types maps

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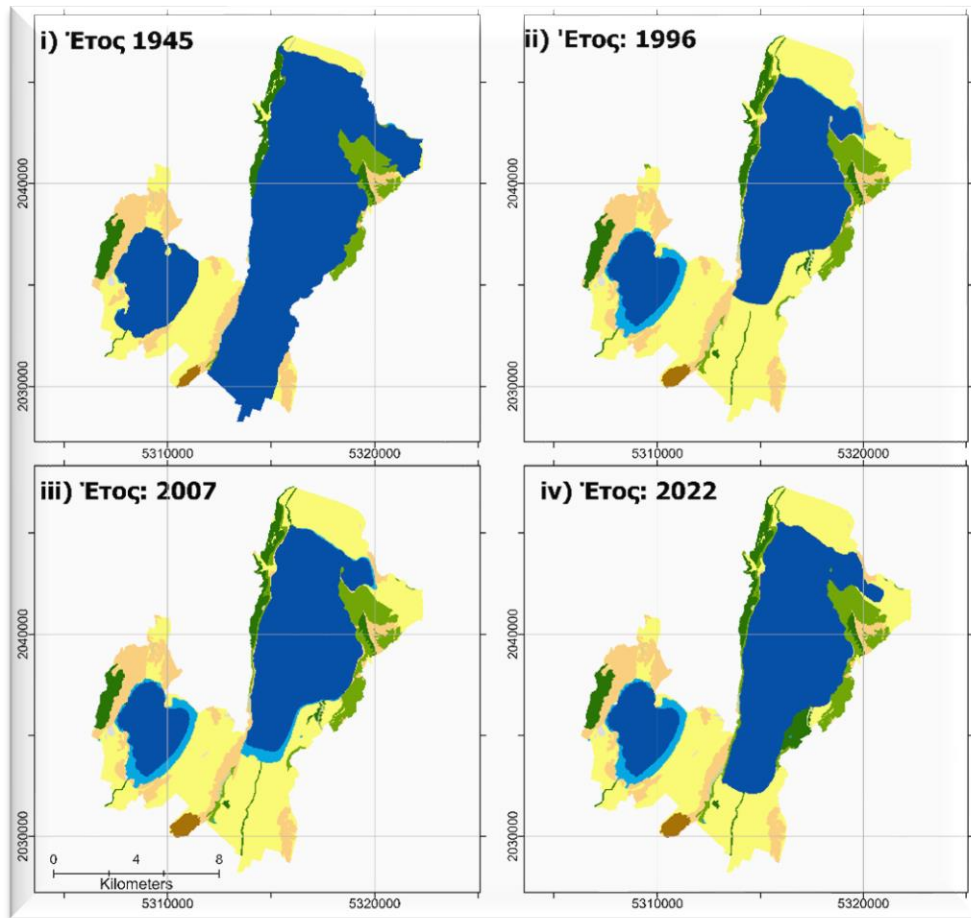


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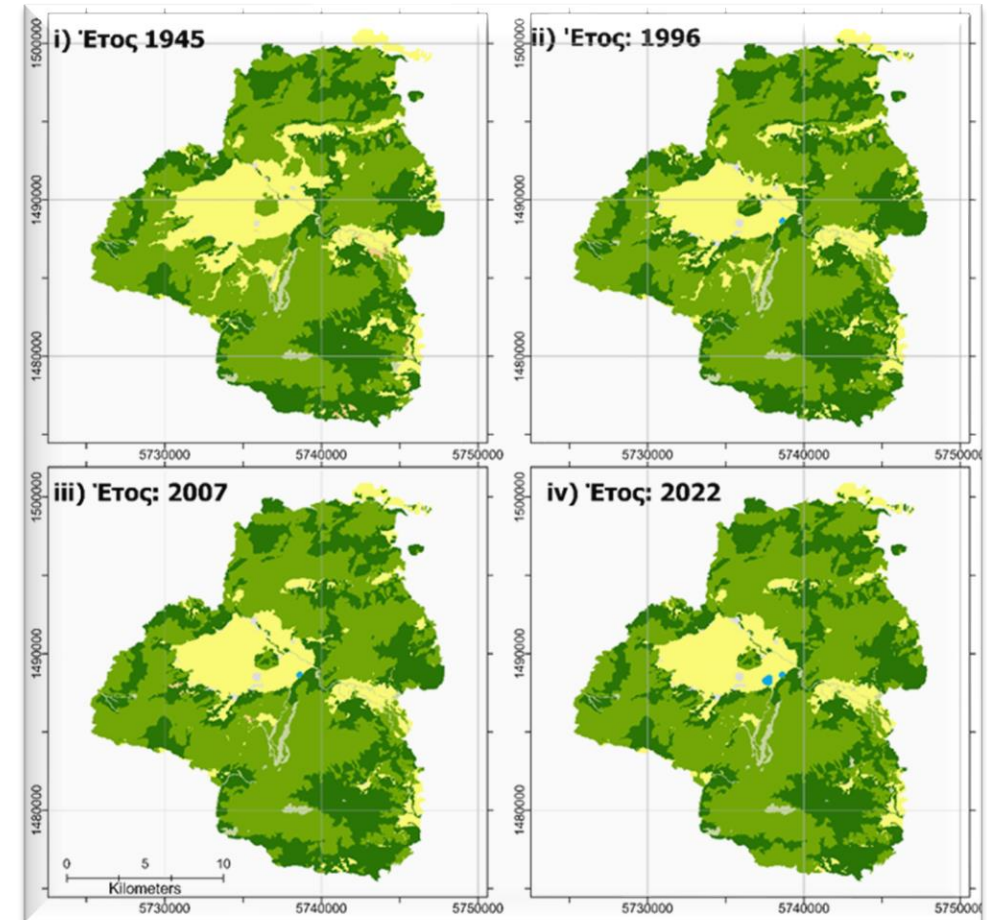


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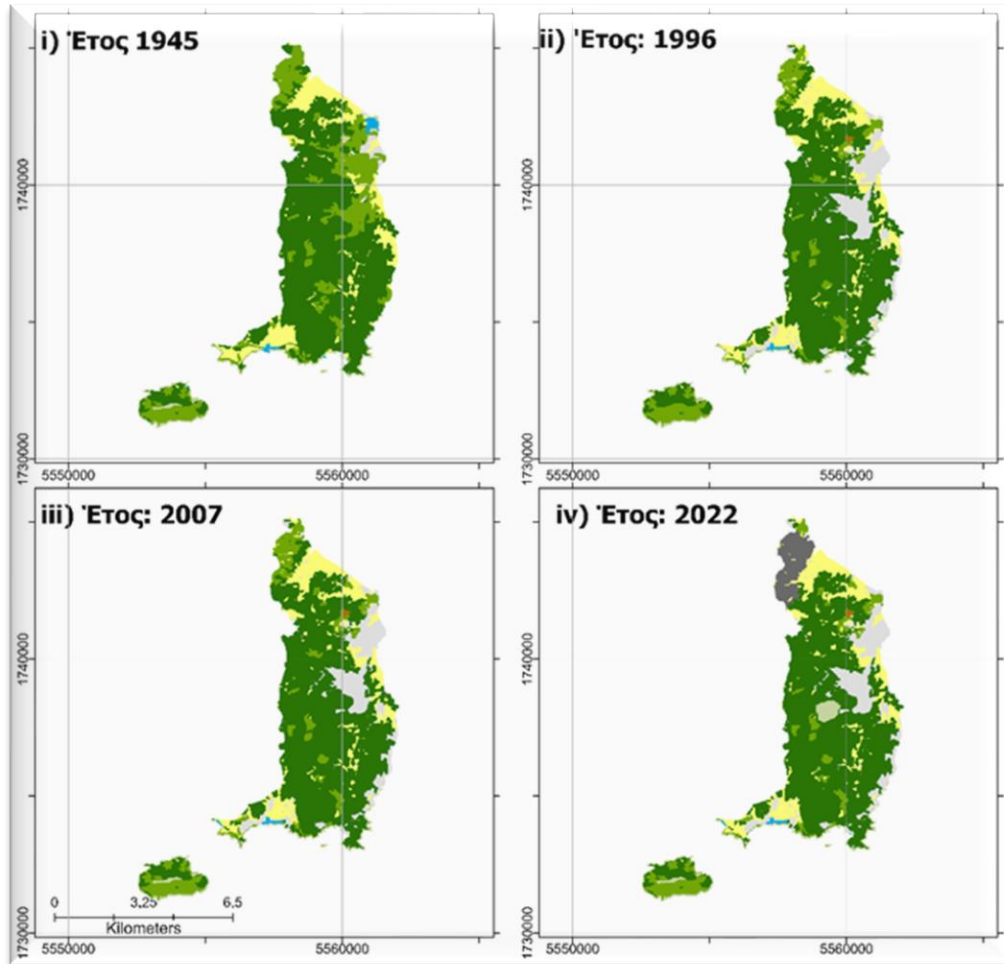


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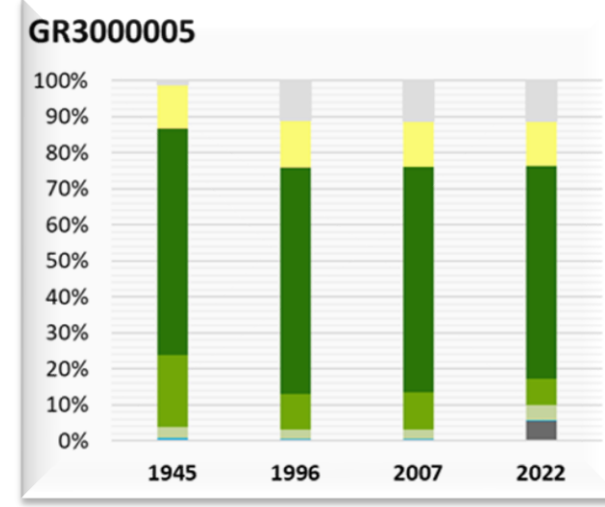
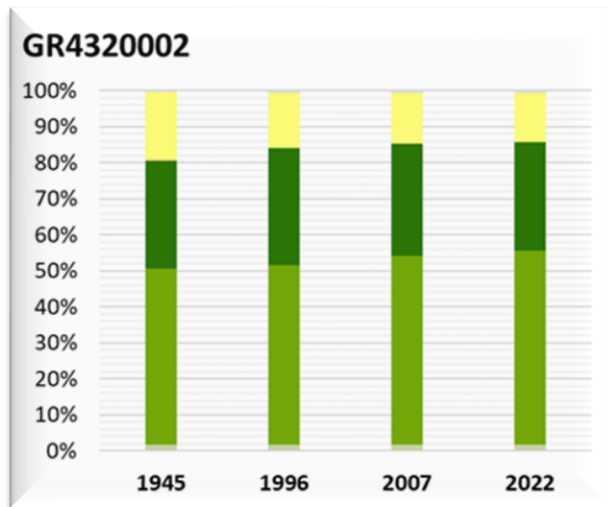
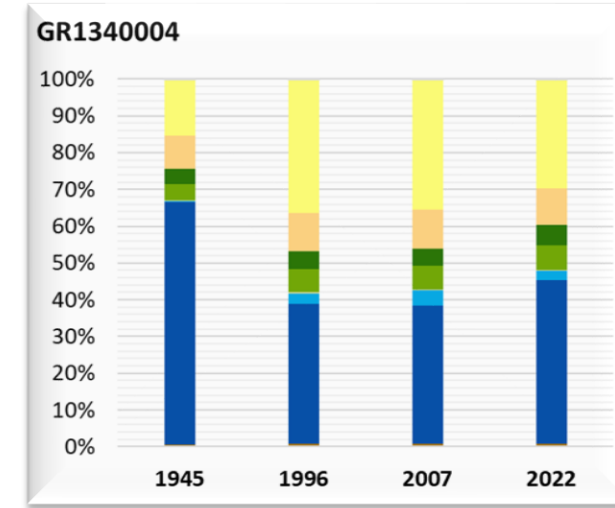
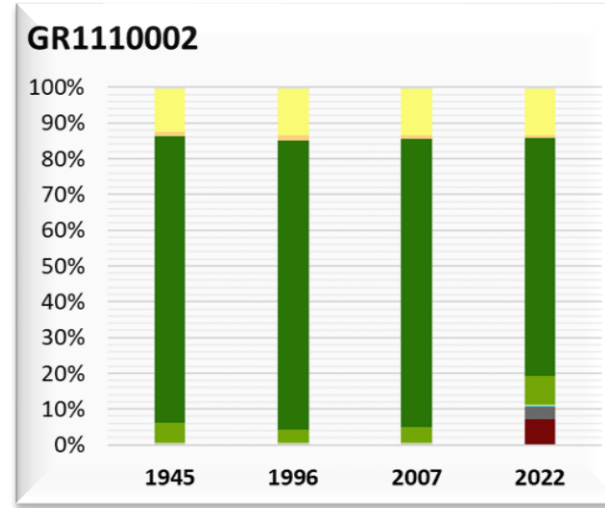
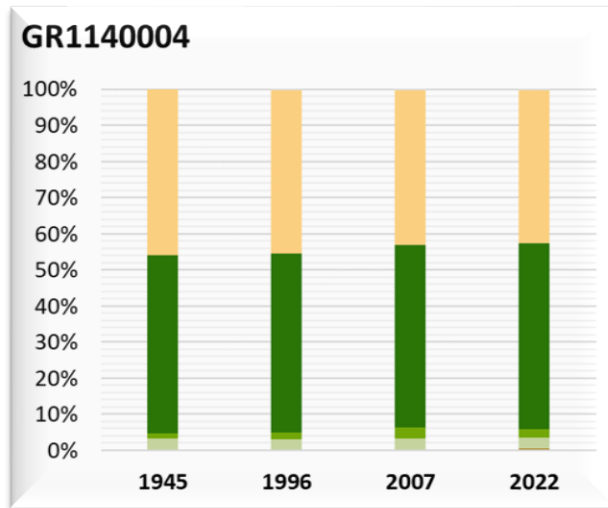
Ecosystem types maps

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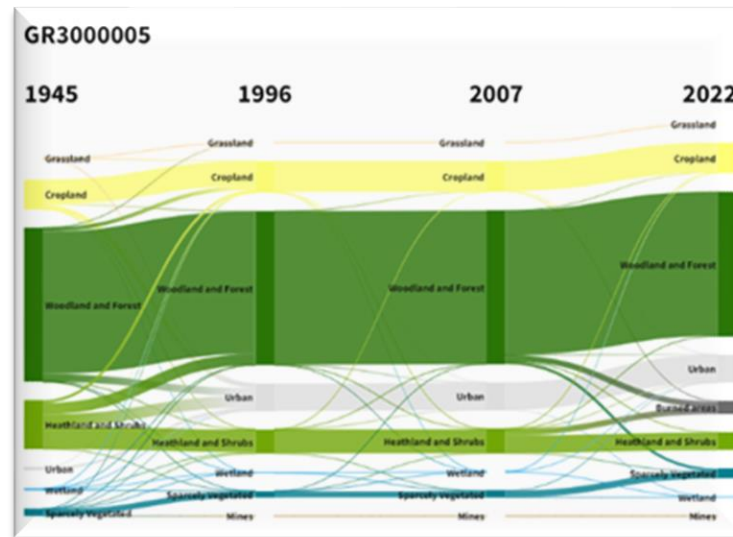
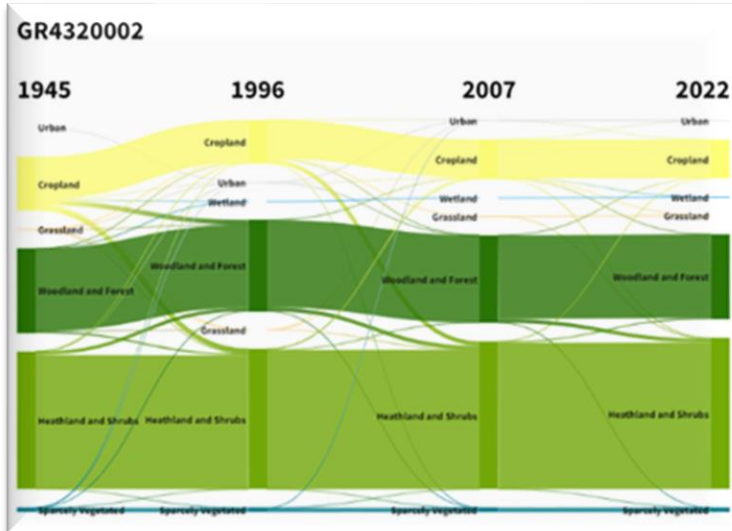
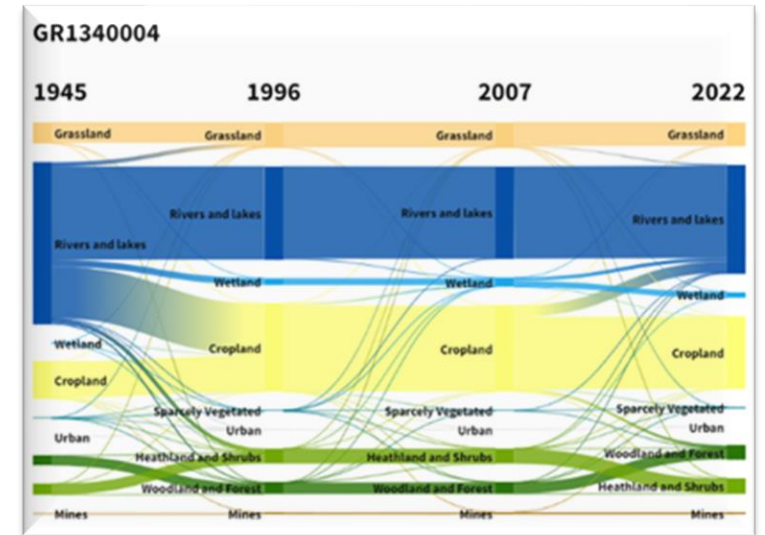
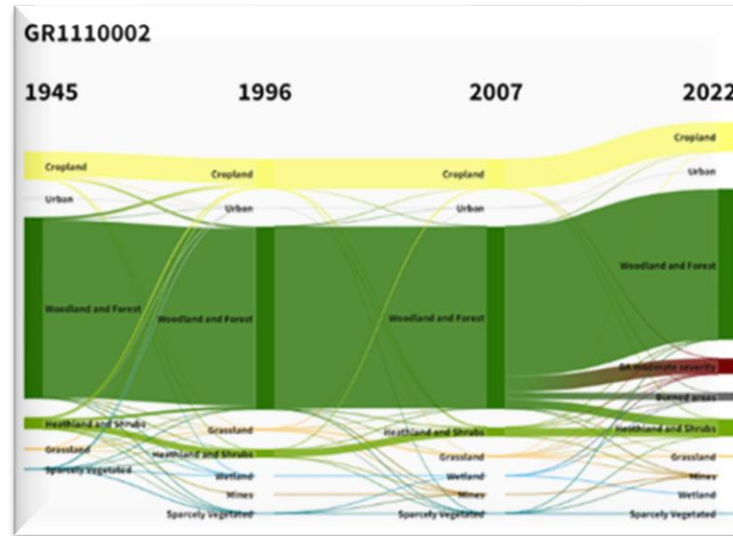
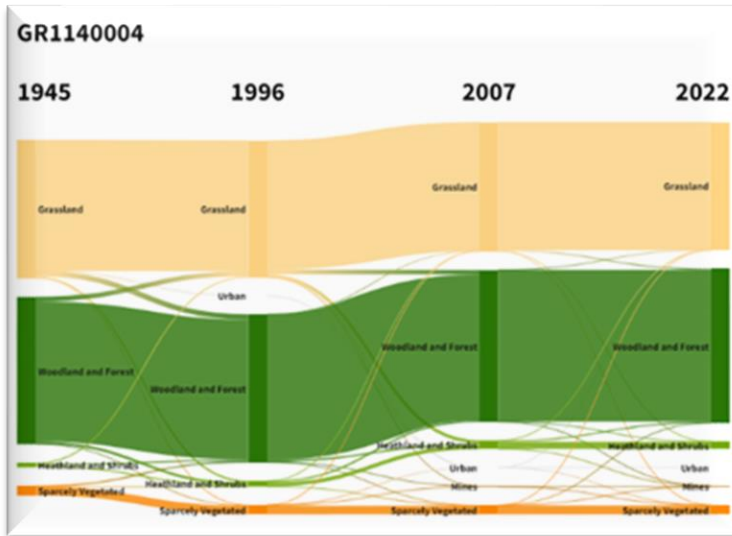
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	Sparsely vegetated land
	Wetlands
	Rivers and lakes
	Mines
	Burned areas
	Burned areas Moderate severity

Ecosystem types analysis



Grey	Urban
Yellow	Cropland
Light Orange	Grassland
Dark Green	Woodland and Forest
Light Green	Heathland and shrub
Light Green	Sparsely vegetated land
Light Blue	Wetlands
Blue	Rivers and lakes
Brown	Mines
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Ecosystem types analysis

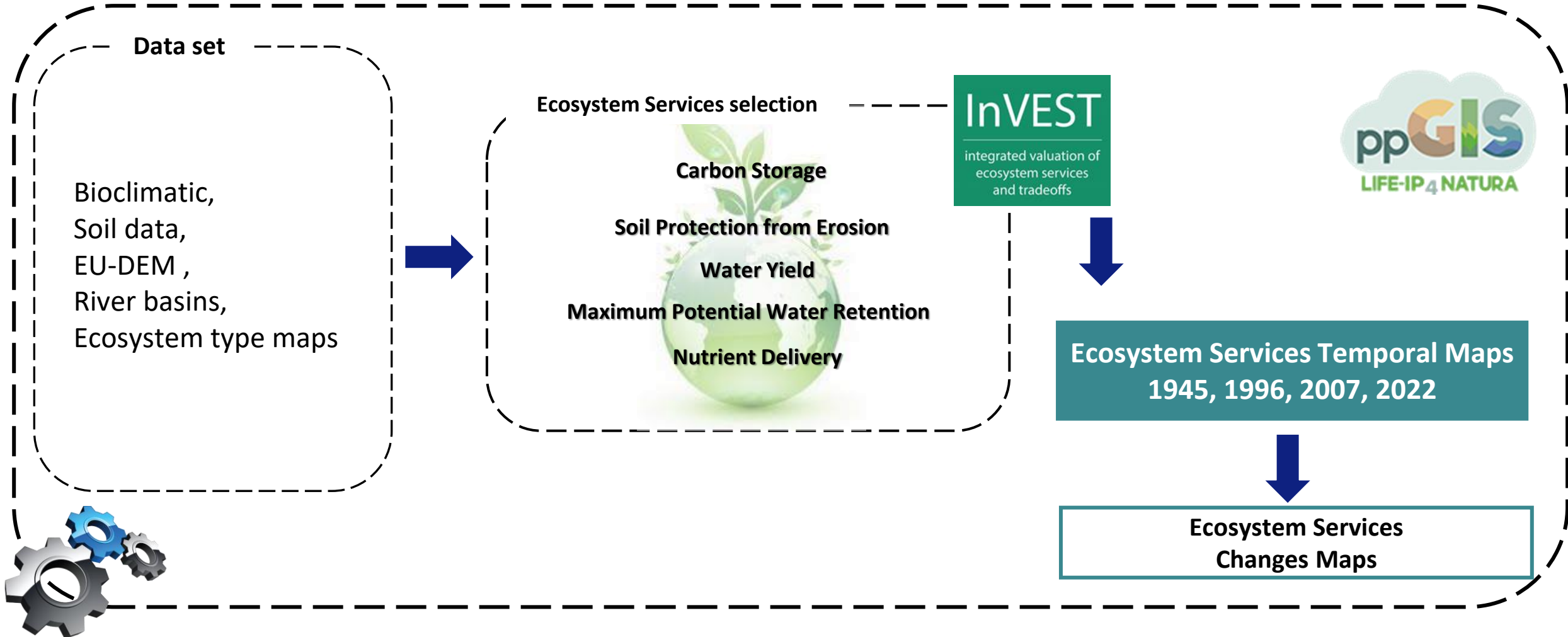


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**Ecosystem Services
maps at local
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Workflow



Data sources

Bioclimatic Data

- ✓ CHELSA

Soil Data

- ✓ European Soil Data Centre – ESDAC
- ✓ World Soil Information - ISRIC

Geospatial Data

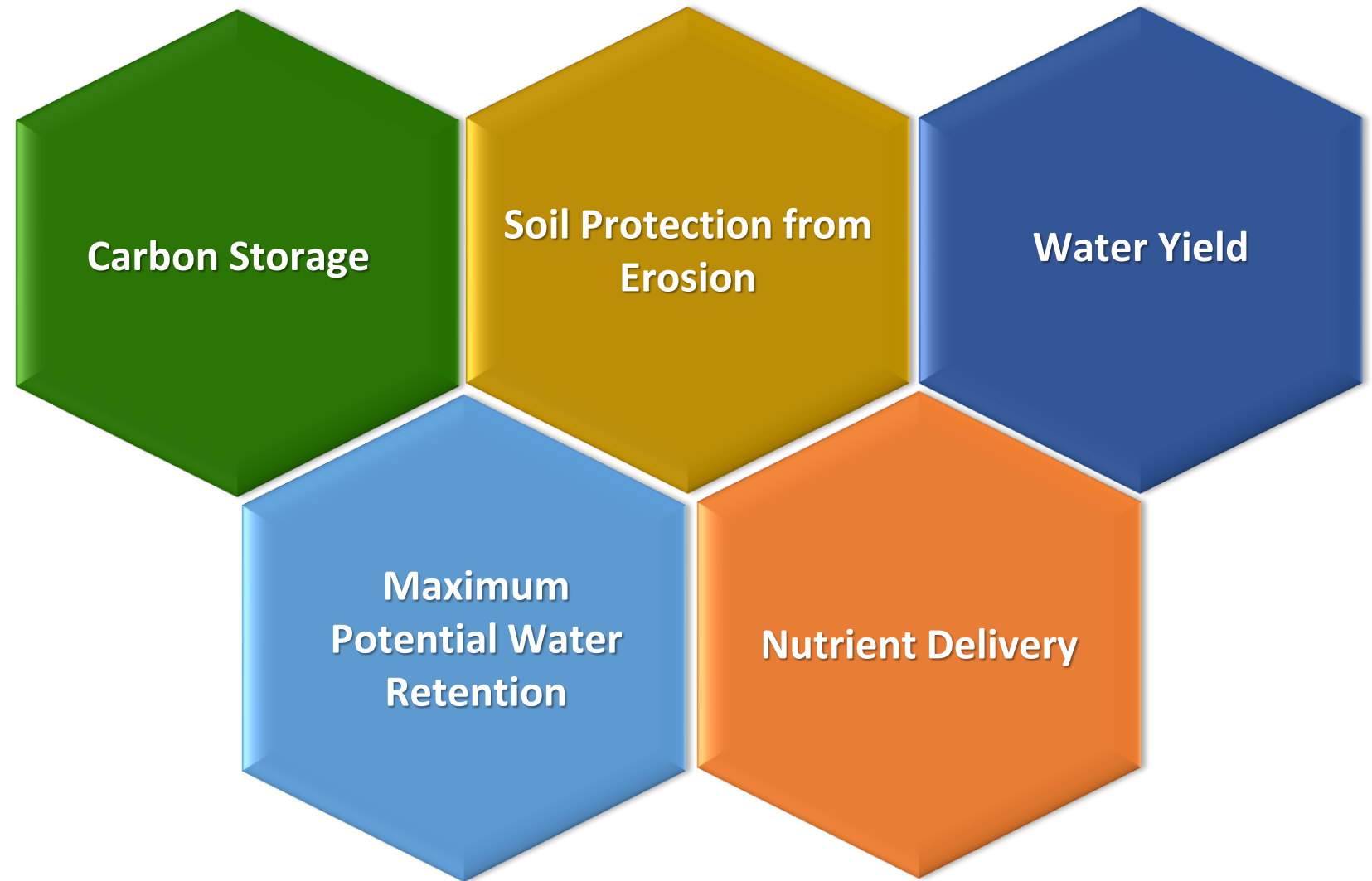
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LULC

- ✓ Ecosystem type maps (1945-1996-2007-2022)



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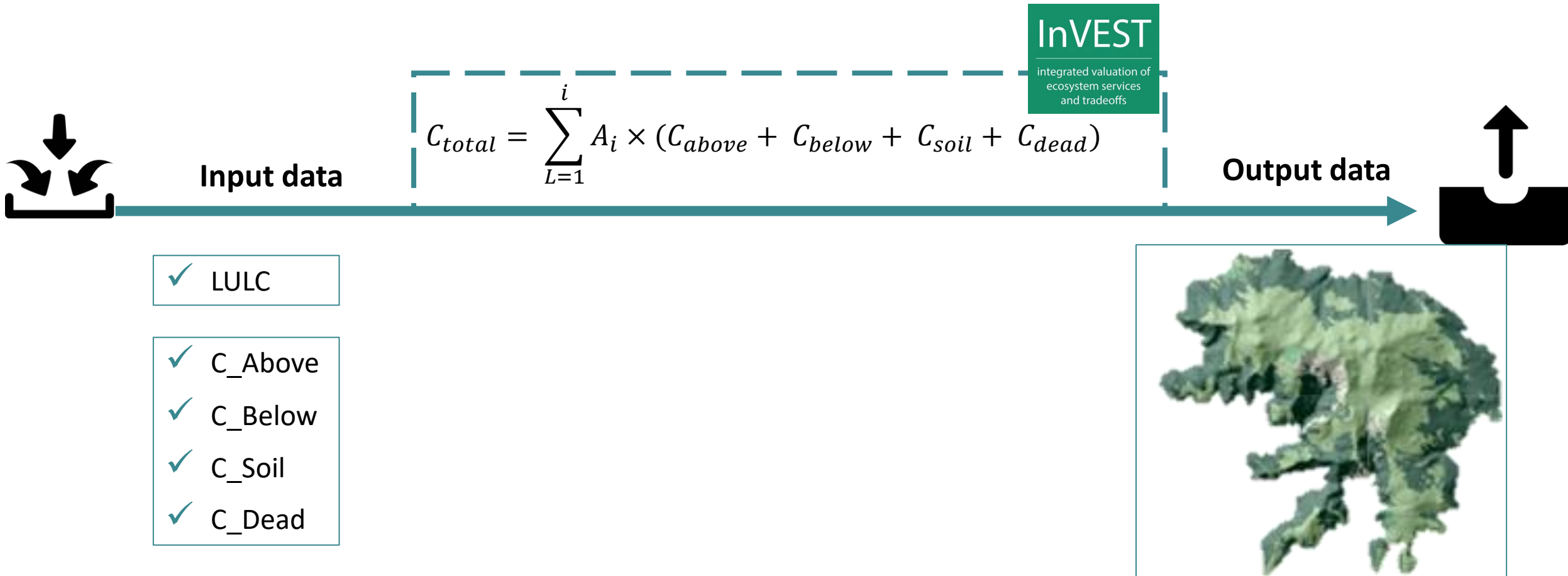


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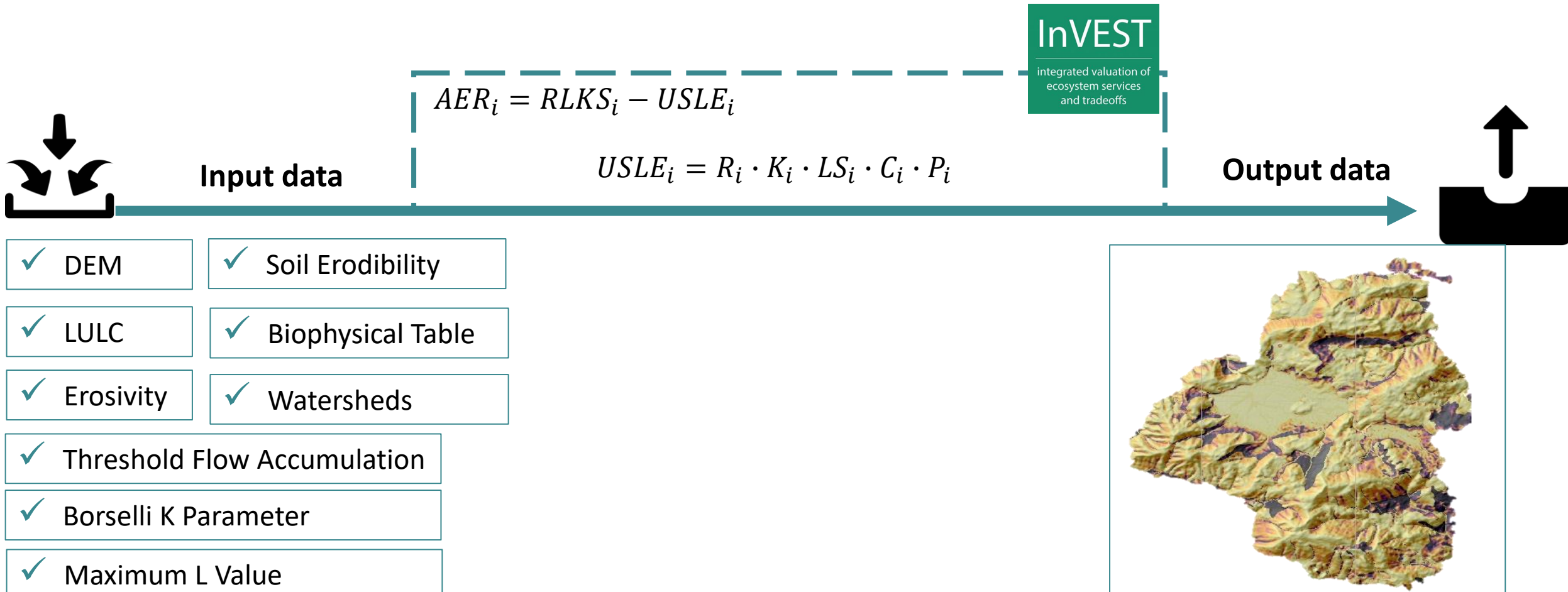
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Carbon Storage



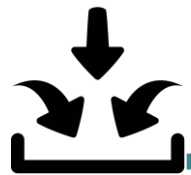
Ecosystem Services

Soil Protection



Ecosystem Services

Water Yield



Input data

✓ Precipitation

✓ LULC

✓ Evapotranspiration

✓ Root Restricting Layer Depth

✓ Plant Available Water Content

✓ Z Parameter

✓ Watersheds

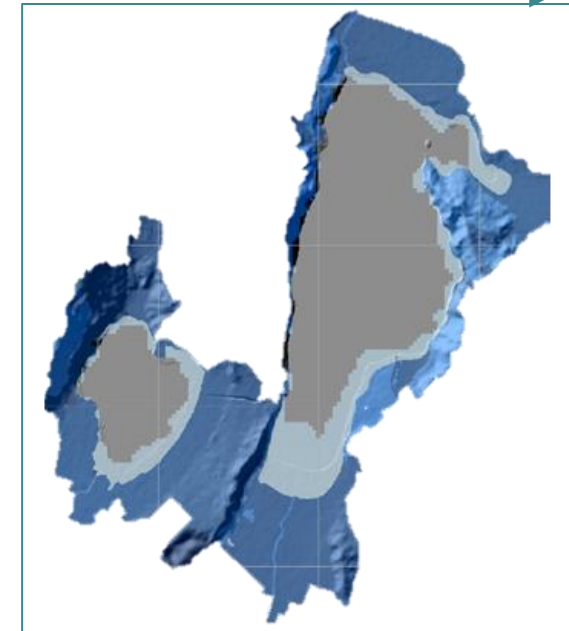
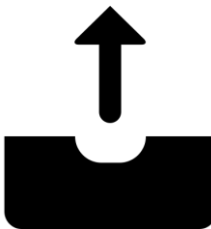
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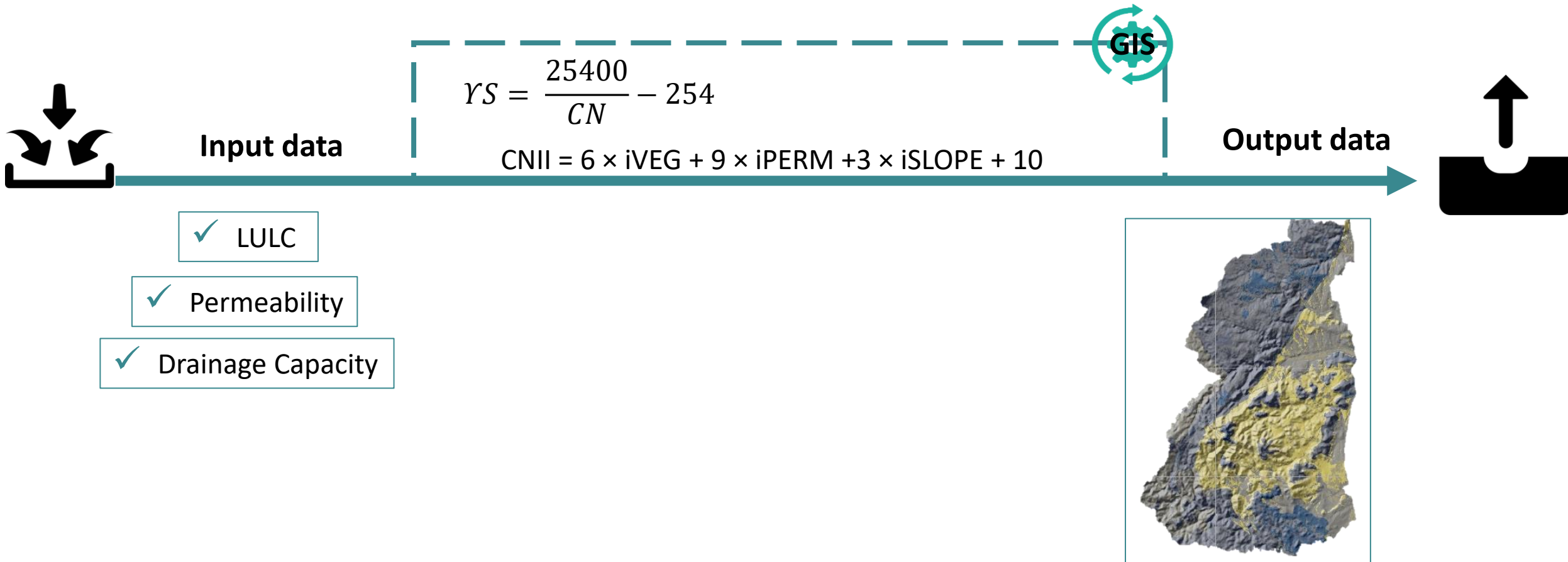
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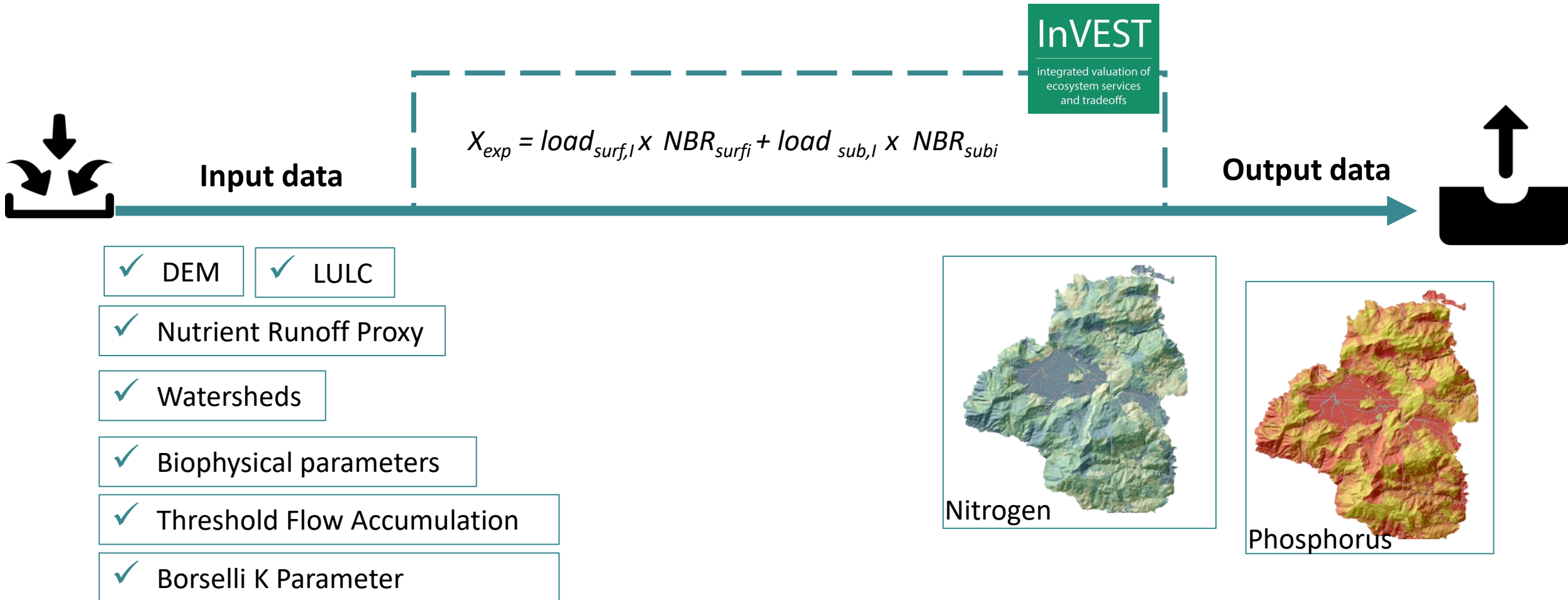
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Water Retention



Ecosystem Services

Nutrient Delivery

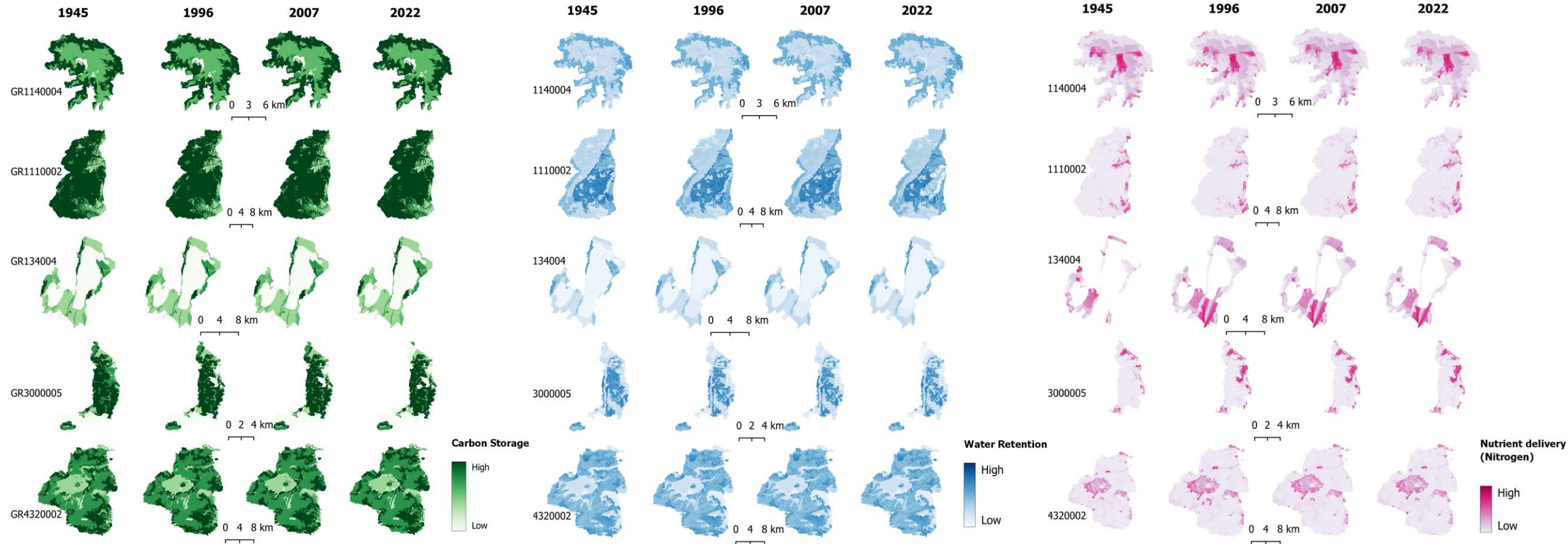


Ecosystem Services maps

✓ Carbon storage

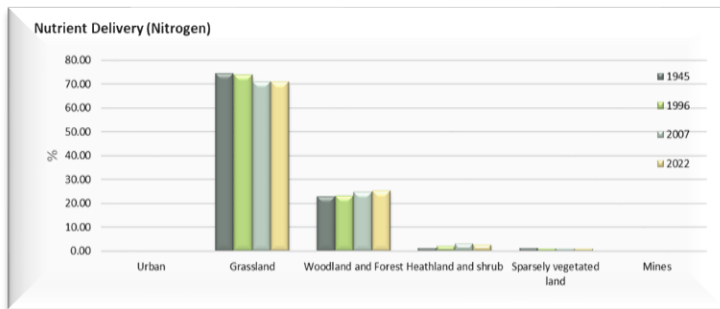
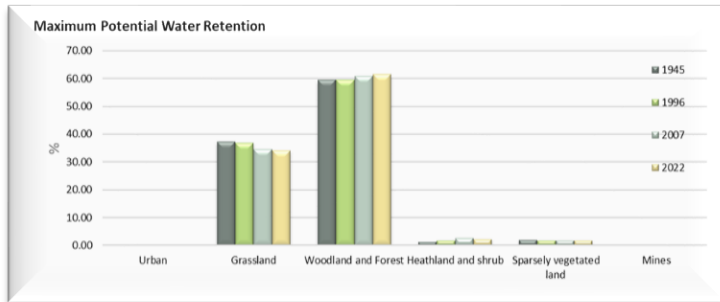
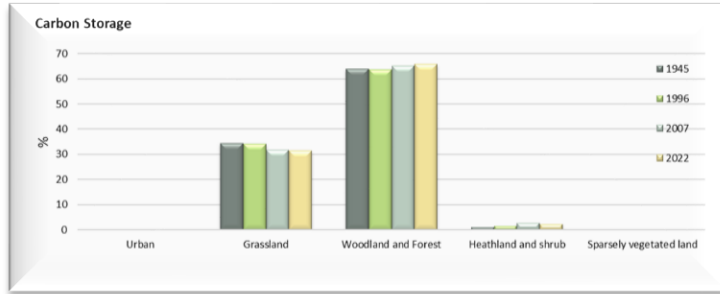
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✓ Nutrient delivery

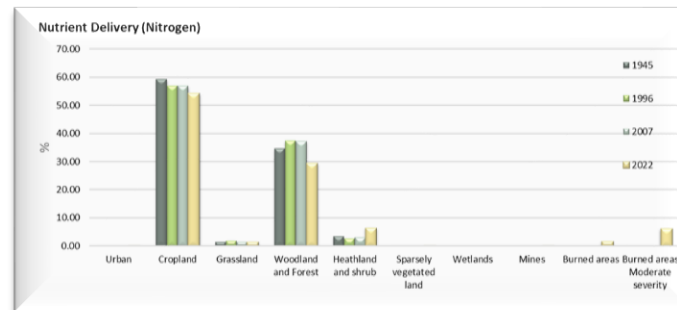
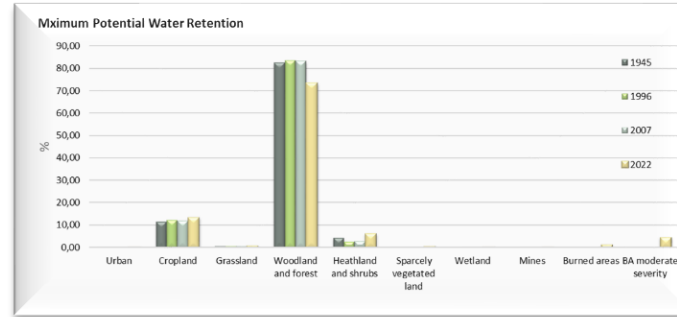
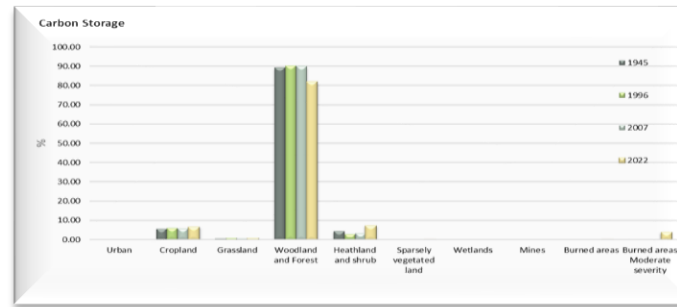


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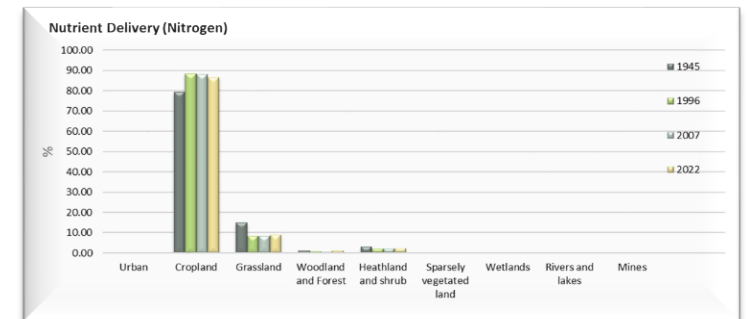
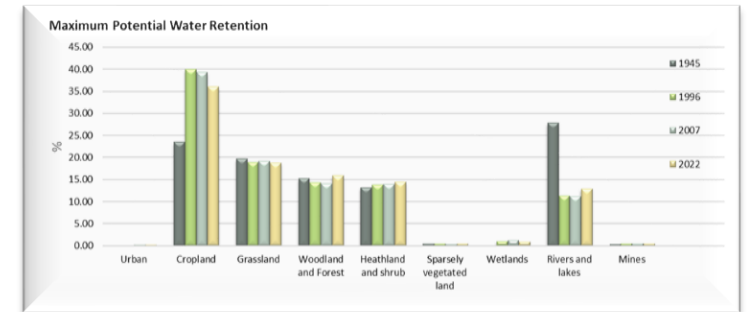
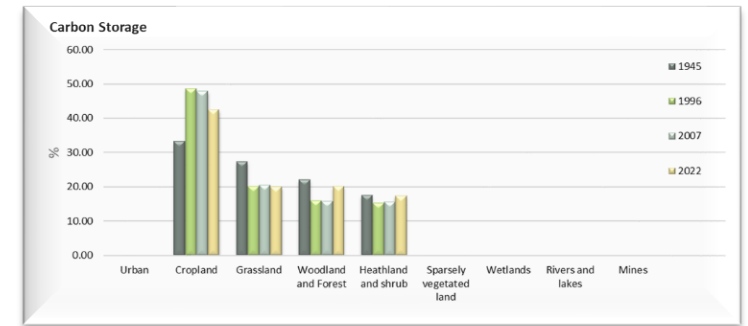
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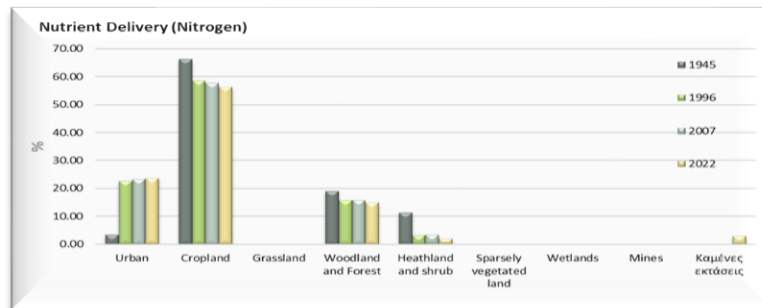
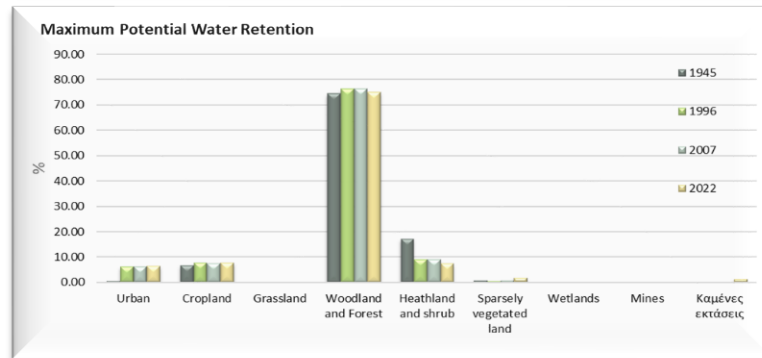
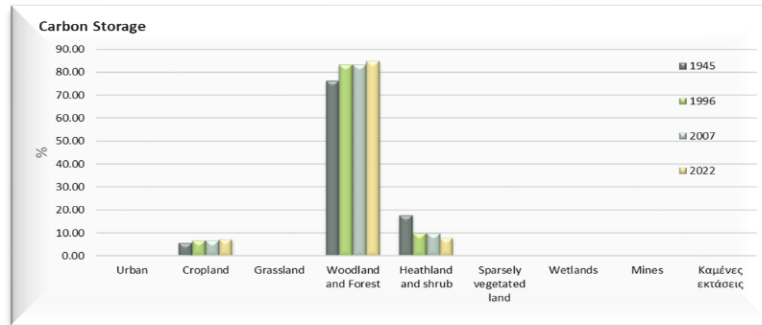


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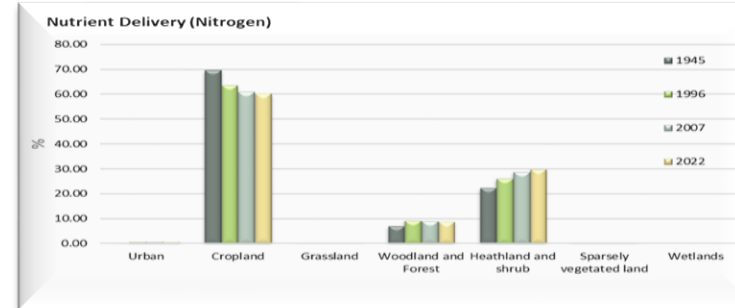
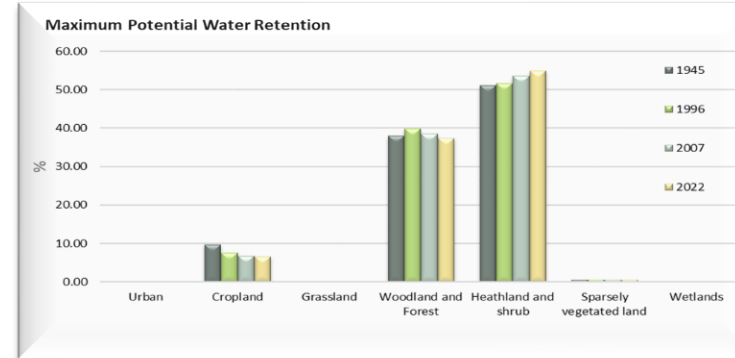
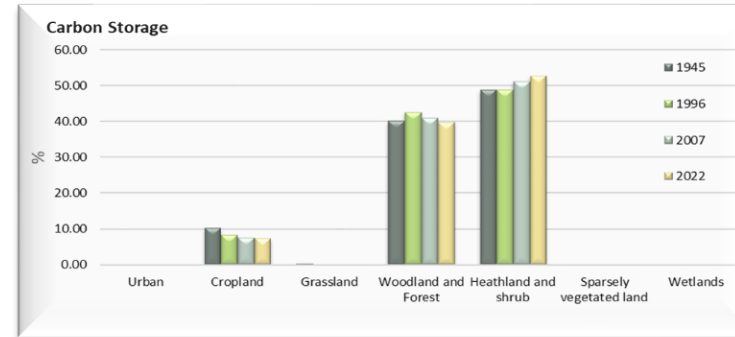


Ecosystem Services analysis

✓ GR 3000005



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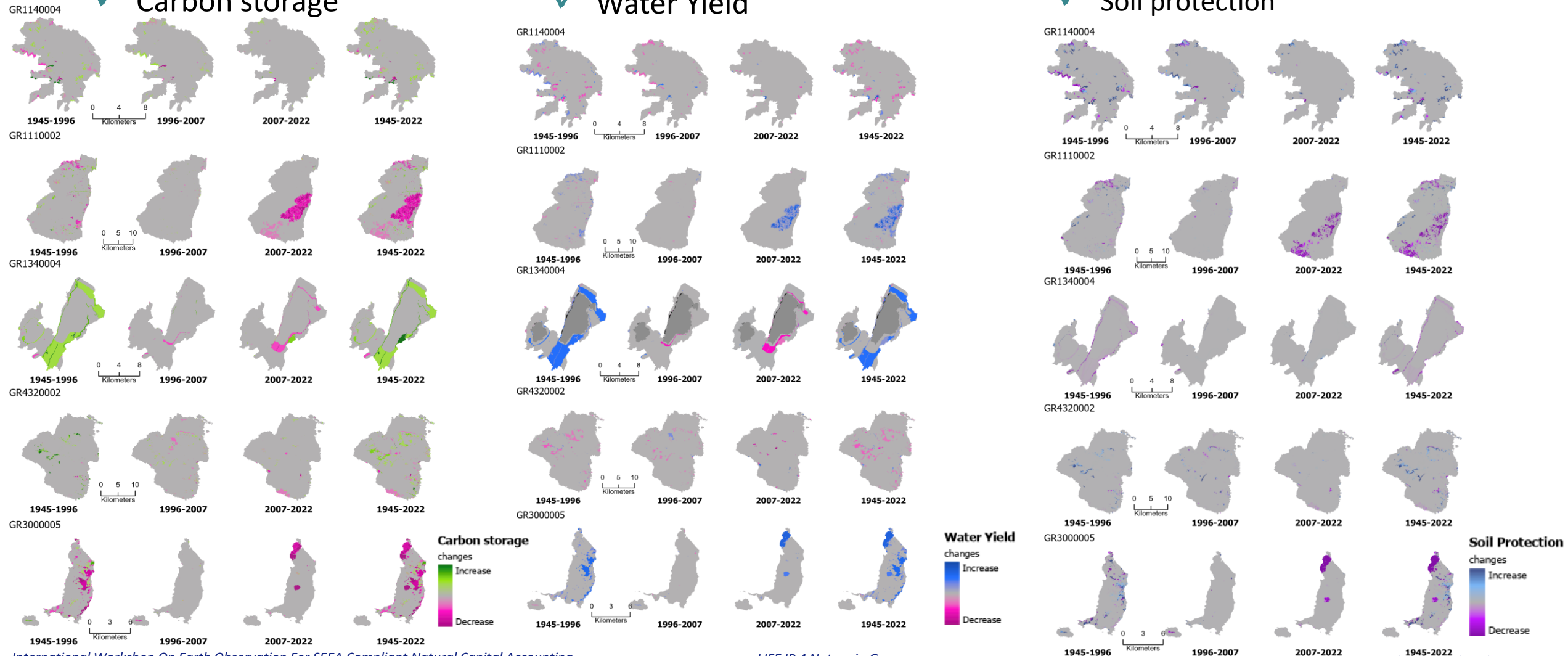


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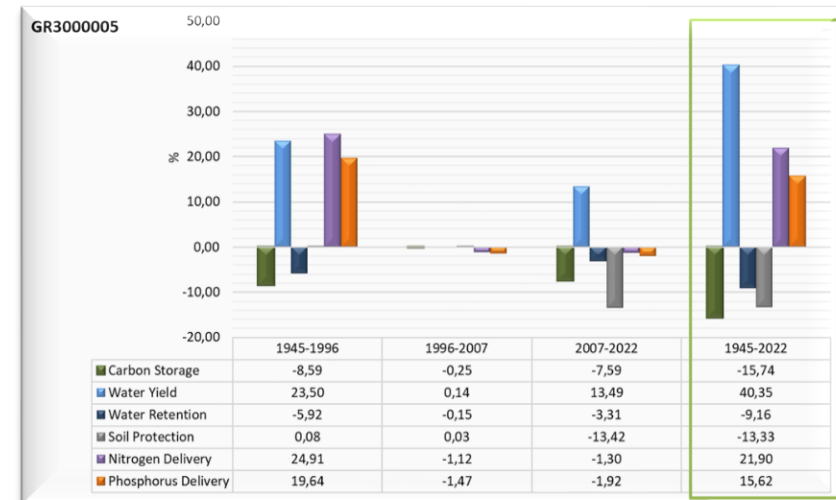
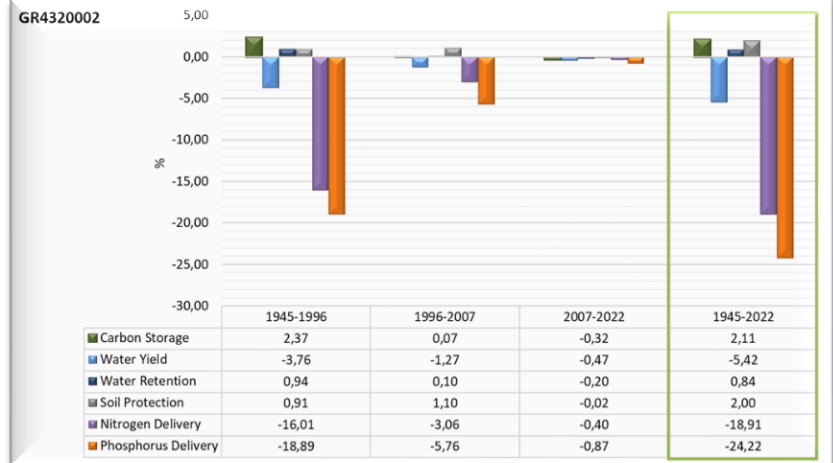
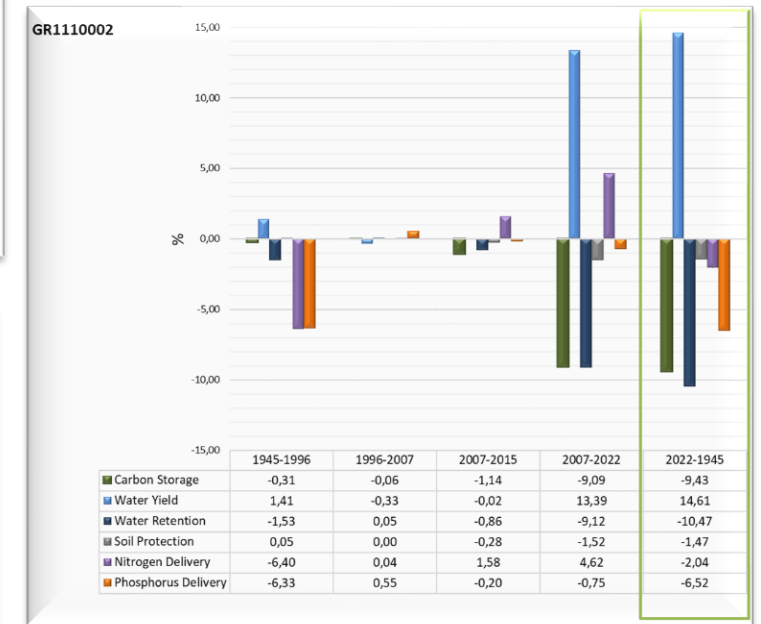
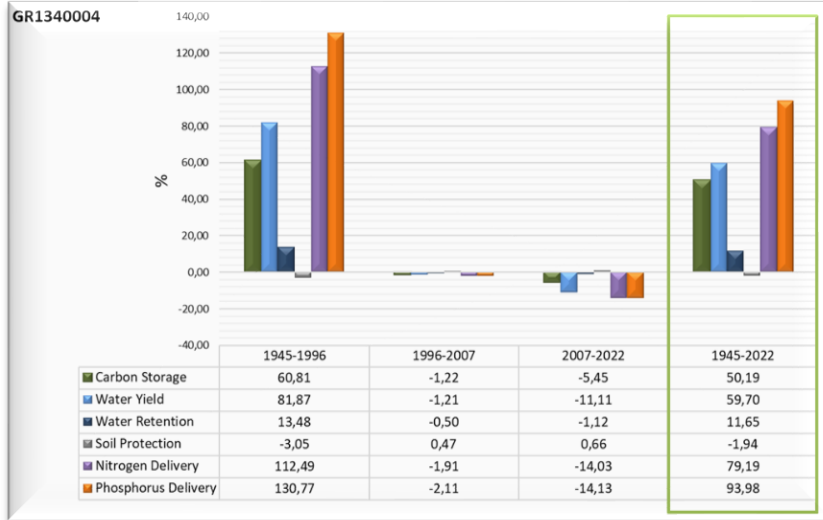
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✓ Soil protection



Ecosystem Services changes analysis



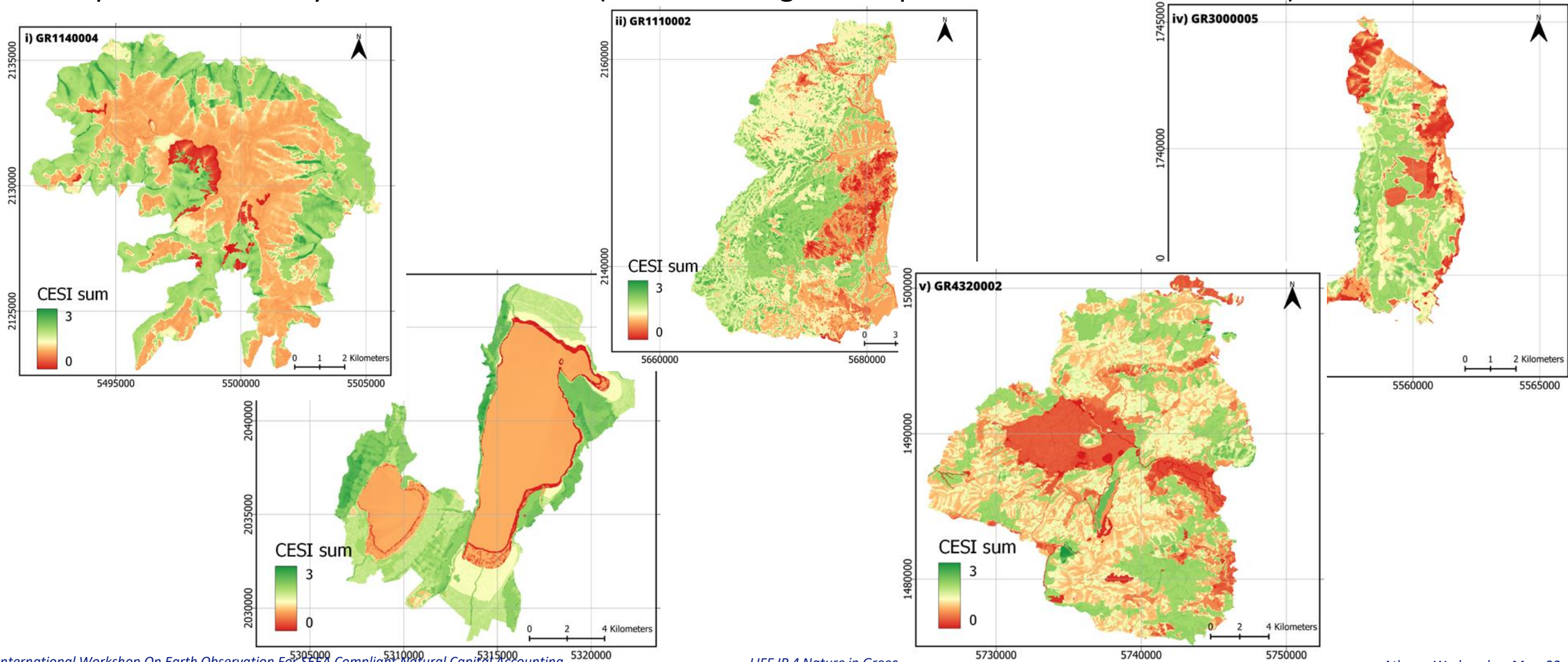
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Carbon Storage	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑
Water Yield	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓
Maximum Potential Water Retention	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑
Soil Protection from Erosion	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑
Nutrient Delivery (Nitrogen)	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓
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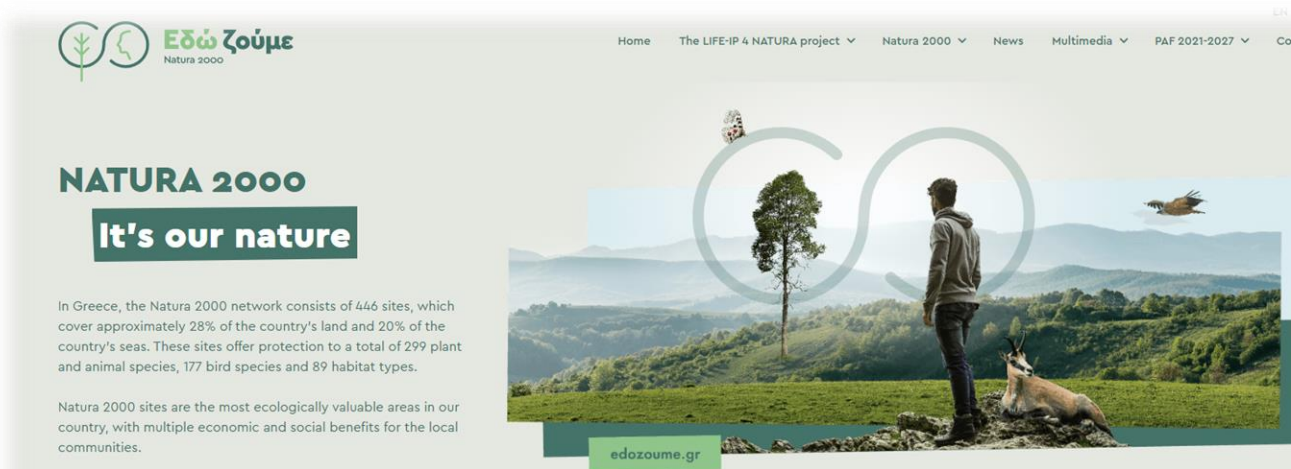
✓ Comprehensive ecosystem services index (Carbon storage + Soil protection + Water Retention)





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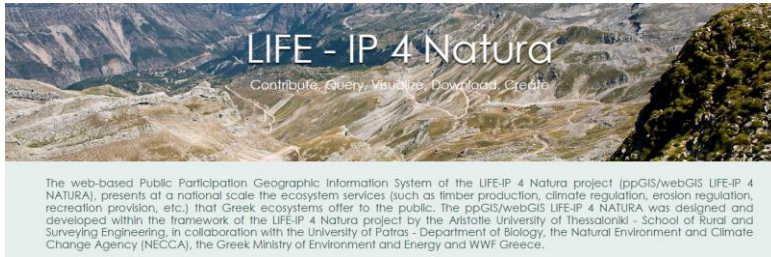
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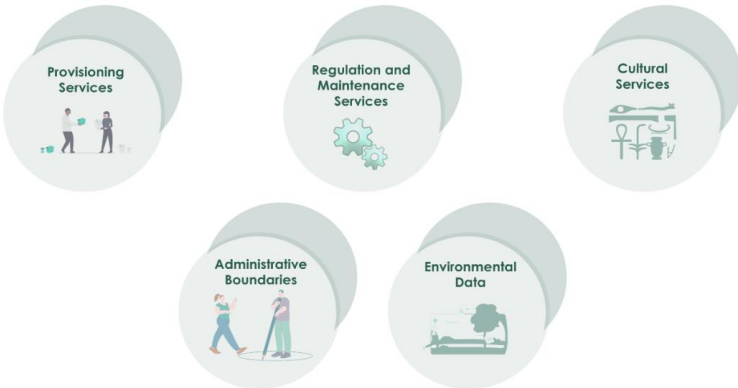


Story maps



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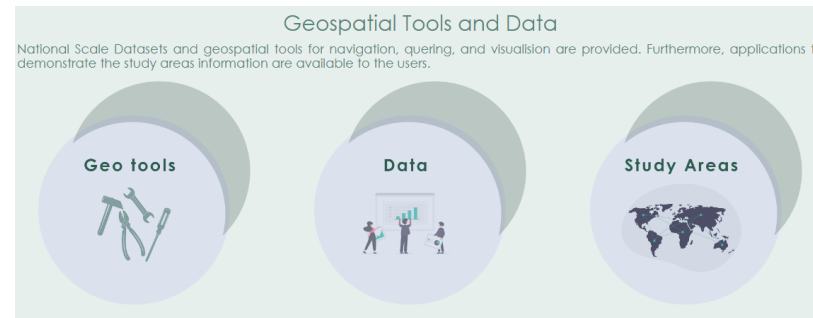
Public Participation Mobile App

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Mobile Apps provide direct access to information and tools for you to collect data and help users understand LIFE-IP 4 Natura data. We recommend exploring the apps below to help engage around specific goals and initiatives.

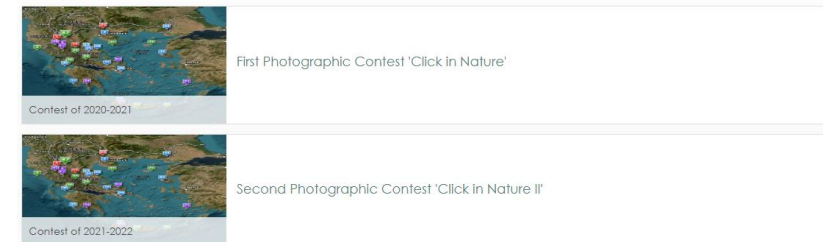


Geospatial tools and data



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ES-pedia

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LIFE-IP 4 NATURA, is the first unified Life (Life Integrated Project – LIFE-IP) for Greece. It is the most important project in Greece that aims at Environmental protection. More detailed information is provided on the ES-pedia platform.

Read More



<https://gis-natura.gr/>

Geotools



Story Map with data organized per category

The following application provides user friendly access to the main WebGIS Data. The data is organized per thematic category and additional tool for querying and downloading are provided.

Web GIS Story Map



Main WebGIS

The following application provides user friendly access to the main WebGIS Data. The data are categorized and easy to use tools for search and data download are provided. You can navigate in the webGIS features through the manual "Story Map"

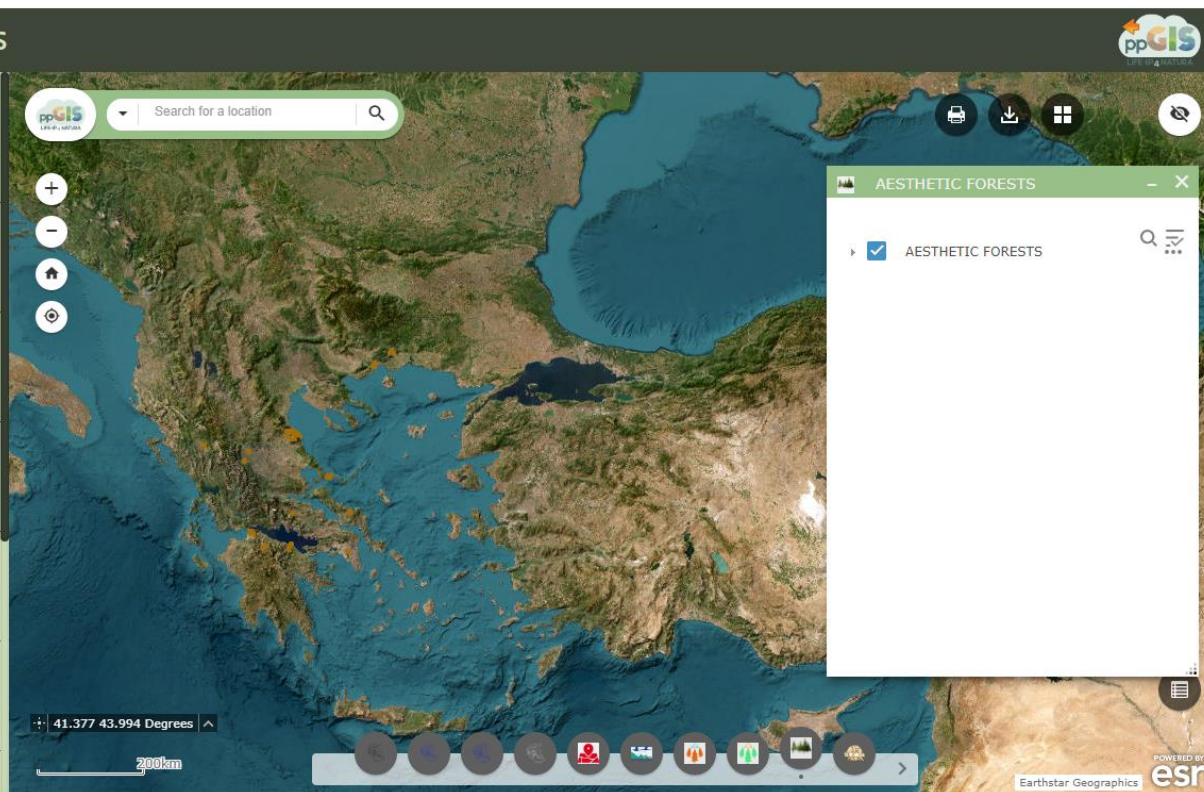
Report on pressures for the ecosystems and ES

Main WebGIS manual

✓ Story map data organized per category

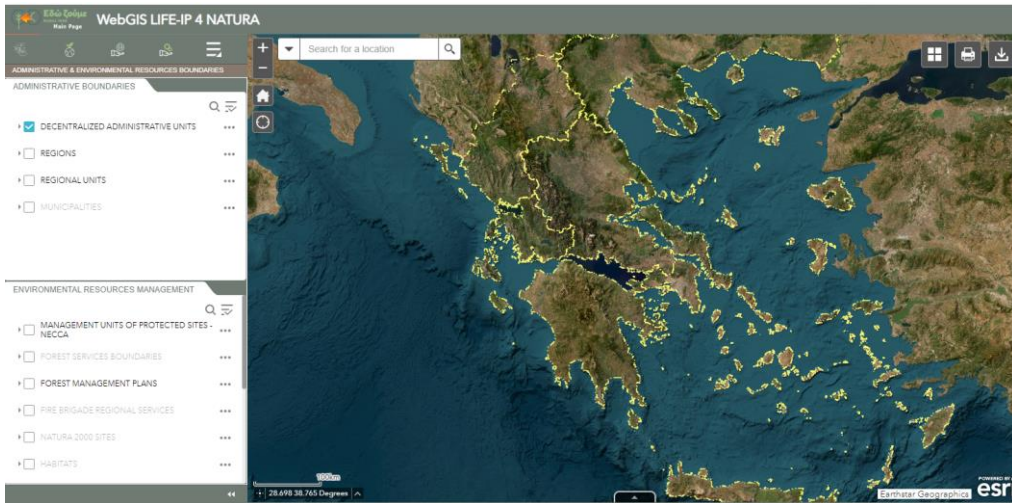
DATA ON ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

- 1 ADMINISTRATIVE & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES BOUNDARIES
- 2 ECOSYSTEM TYPES-LAND COVER
- 3 PROVISIONING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
- 4 REGULATION ECOSYSTEM SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- 5 REGULATION ECOSYSTEM SERVICES - BIODIVERSITY
- 6 CULTURAL ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
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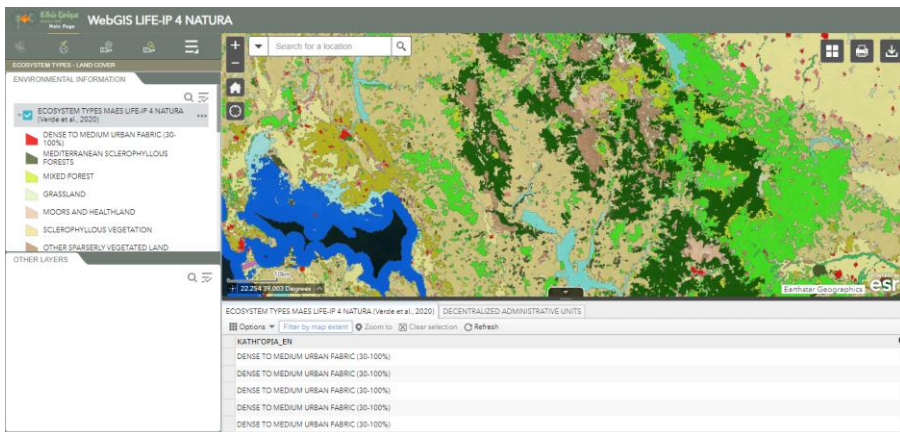


Geotools – WebGIS

✓ Administrative & Environmental resources boundaries



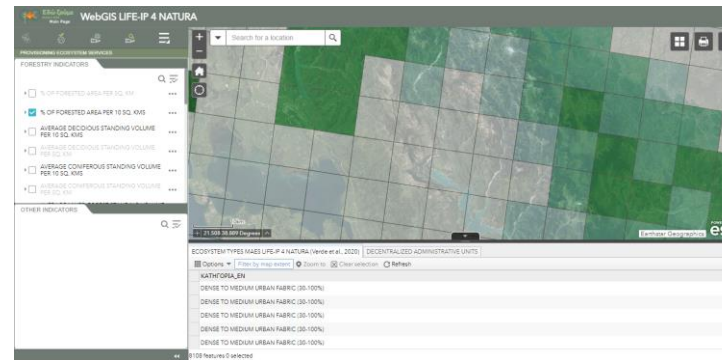
✓ Ecosystem types – land cover



✓ Regulating & maintenance Ecosystem services



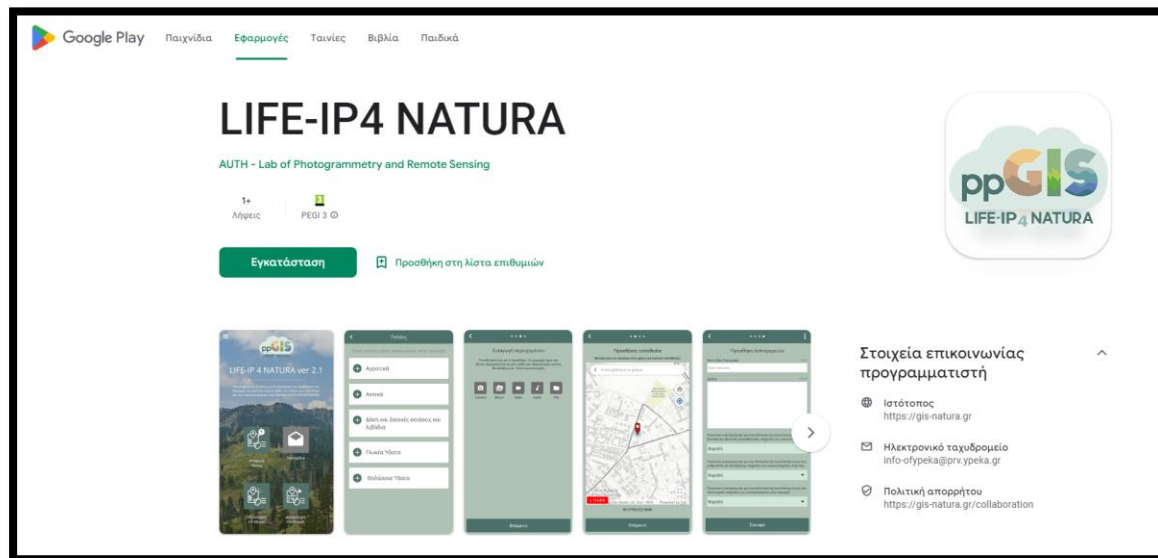
✓ Provisioning Ecosystem services



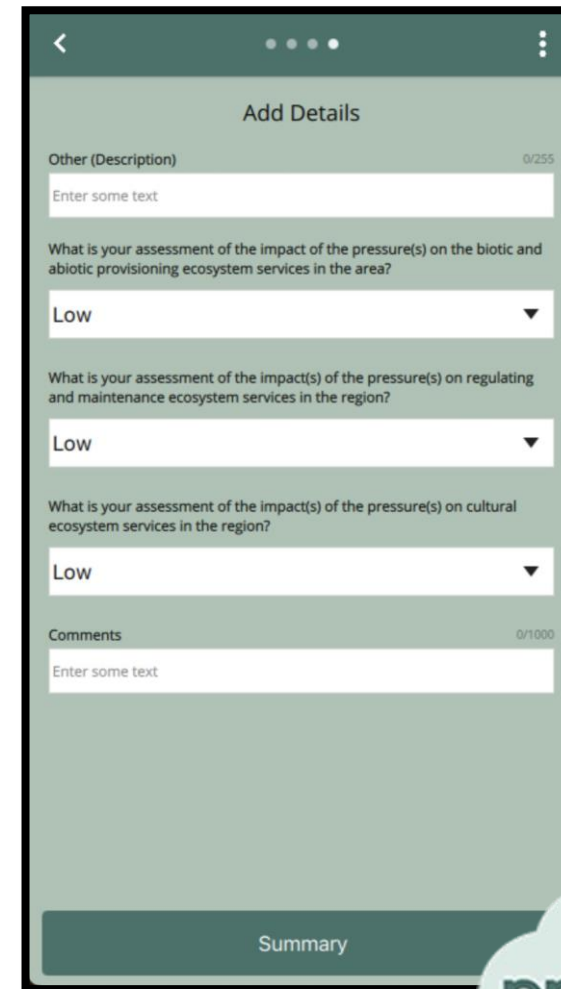
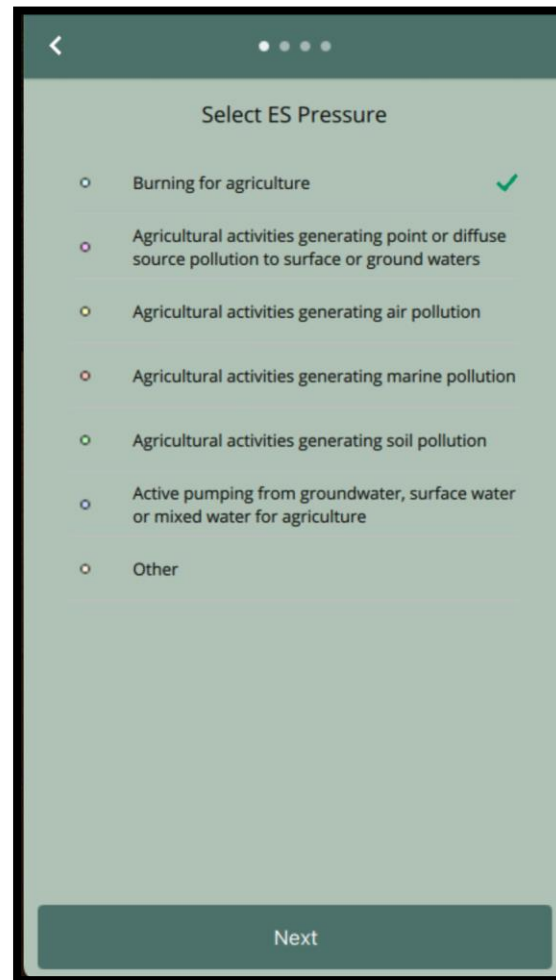
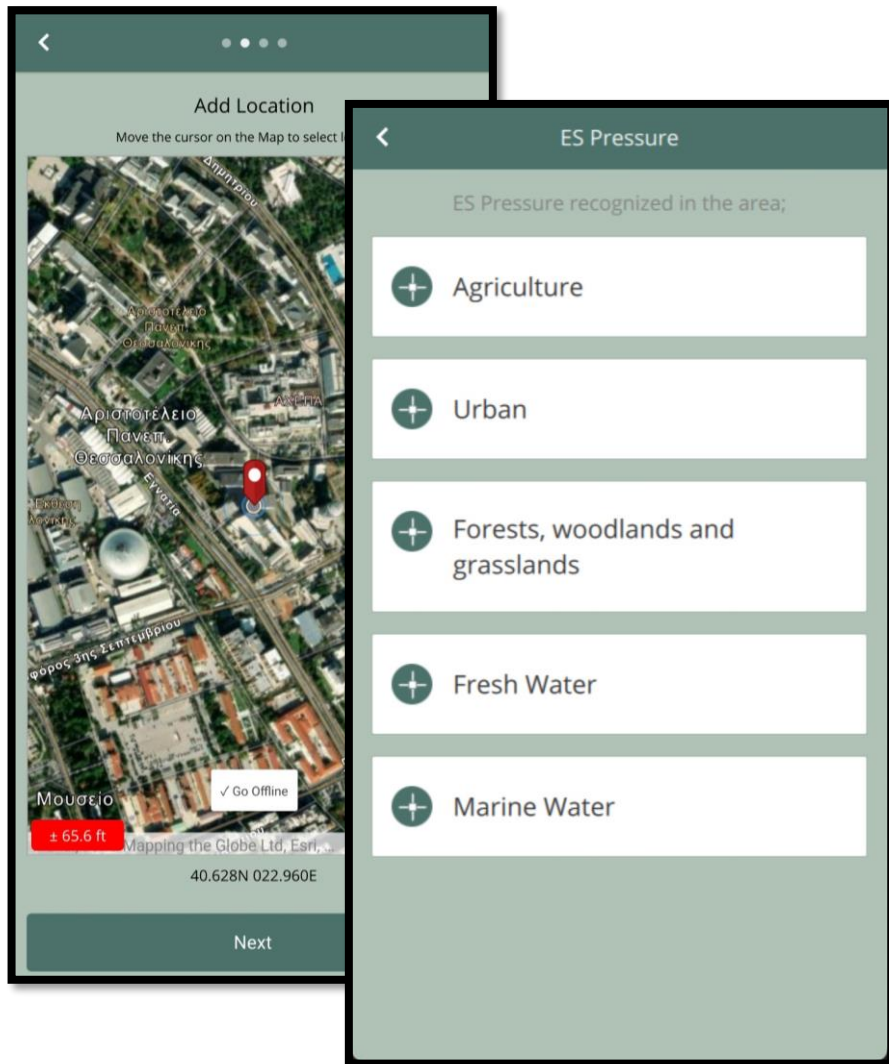
✓ Cultural Ecosystem services



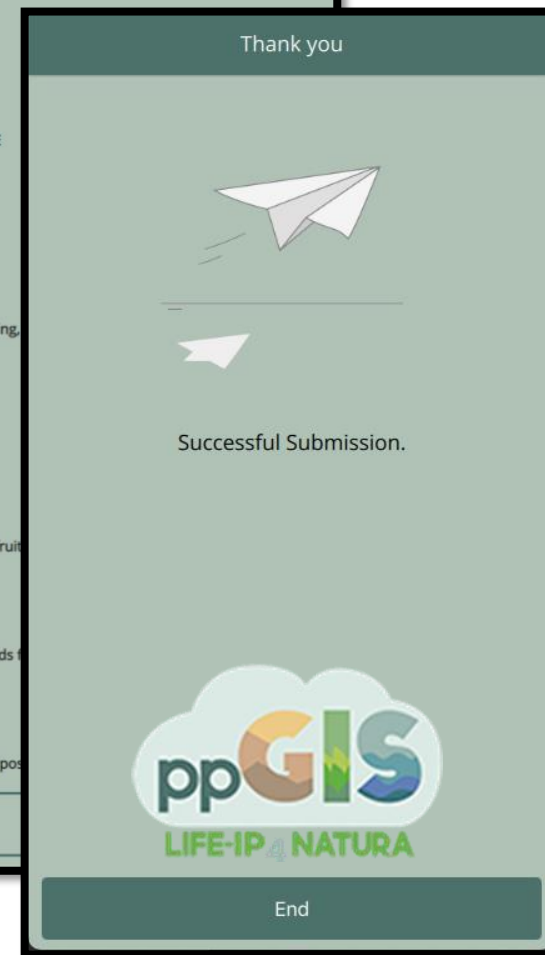
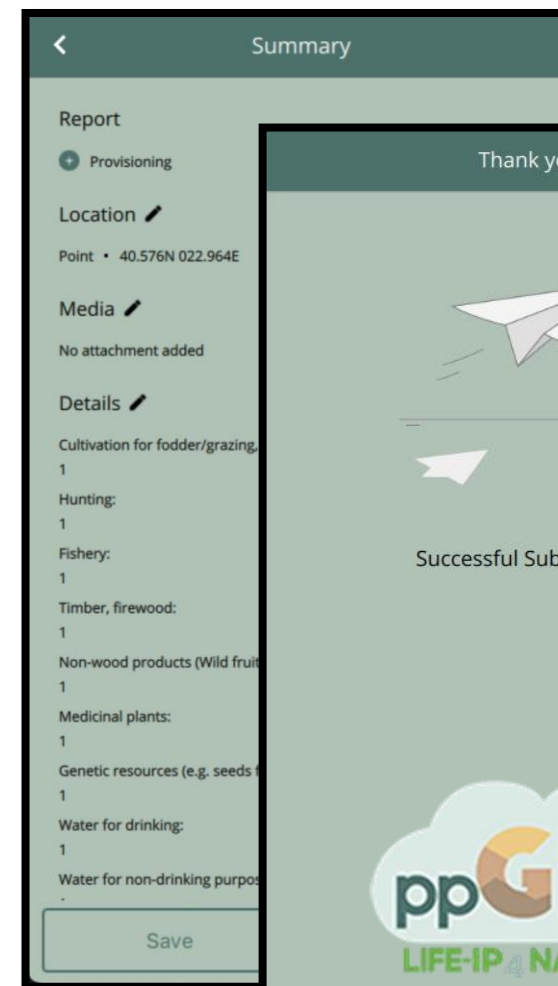
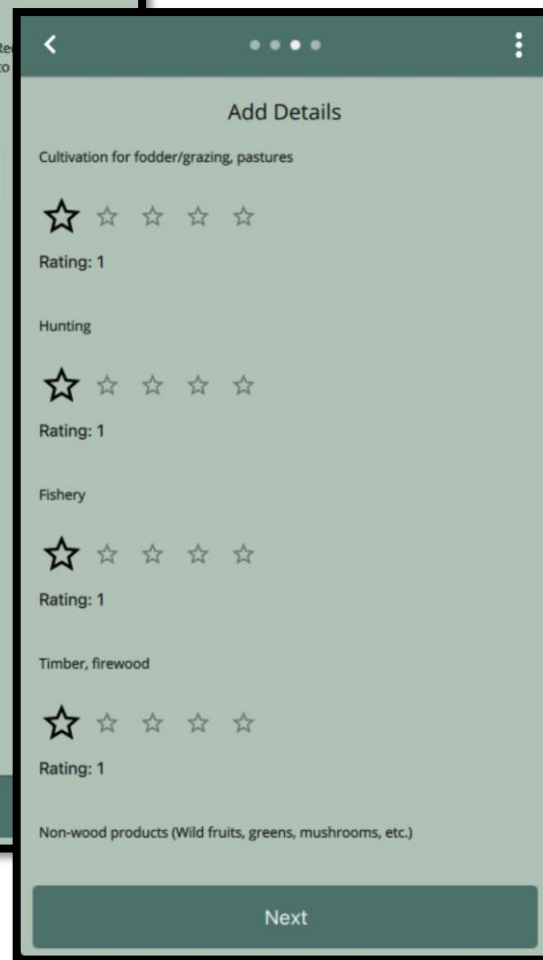
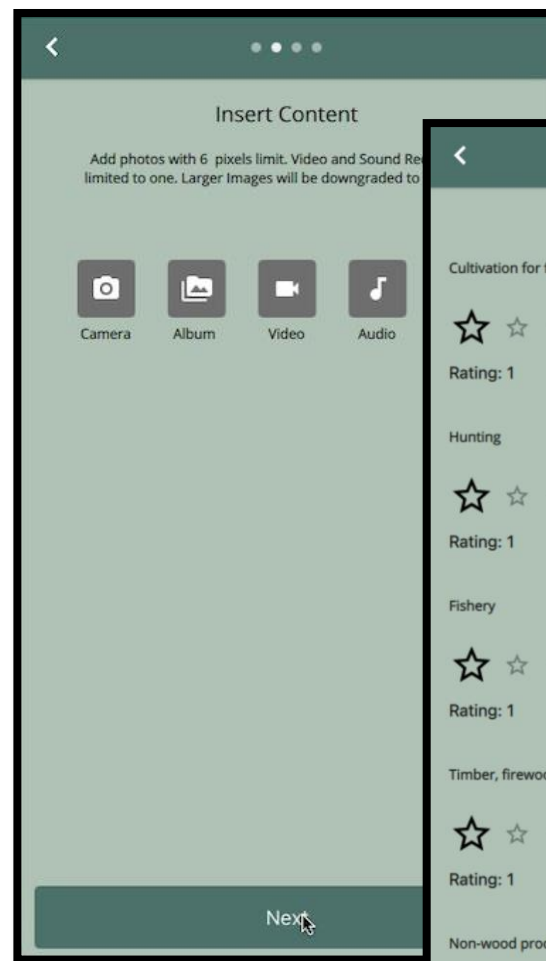
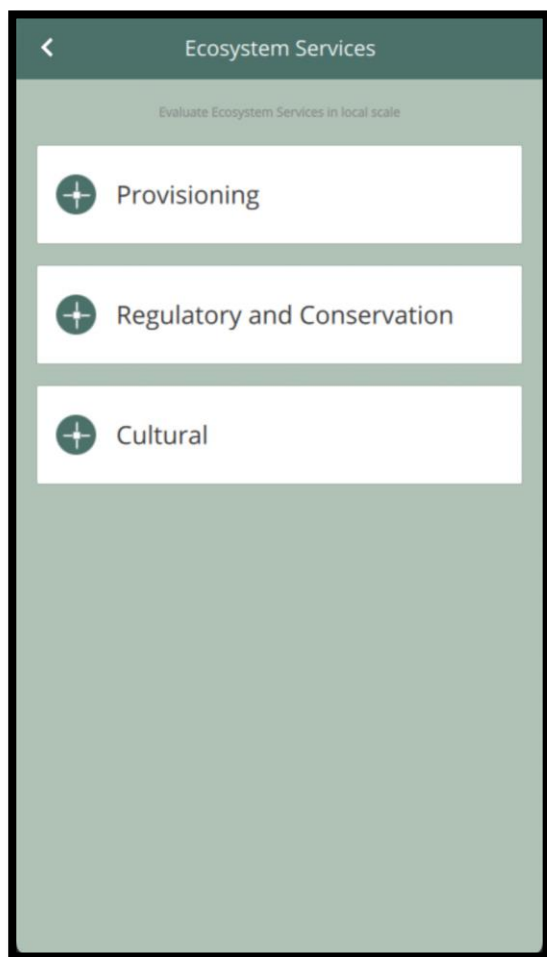
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Thank you!

